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Intended Strike Is Postponed at Western Union

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The threatened nationwide Western Union strike was called off tonight, for at least 50 days, while a fact-finding board passes on the issues.

Cyrus S. Ching, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation service, told a news conference that agreement had been reached at 10:20 p. m. between negotiators for the company and the unions.

The board will determine in the next 30 days the wage-profit relationship as that term is used in the contract made the past April 1.

The board, to be appointed by Ching, also will decide whether that contract provided for reopening on the wage question Nov. 1 or Oct. 1. The union, contending that the earlier date is correct, asked for a 15 cent hourly wage increase at that time.

Any subsequent wage boost granted as a result of negotiations which will be resumed after the board reports its findings, will be made retroactive to either Nov. 1 or Oct. 1, depending upon the board's decision.

The board will make no recommendation as to the amount of a wage increase, but its findings on the two principal questions will be "final and binding on the parties."

None of the provisions of the current contract can be altered or modified by this board.

Ching said that the workers' strike vote, completed a week ago, and the notice of intention to strike, would be withdrawn at once.

After the agreement was announced, T. F. McManis, vice president of the company, said in a statement.

"Conscious of its service obligations to the public as well as its obligations to its employees and its owners, the company has agreed to this proposal. The proposal specifically excludes from consideration the fact-finding board the dispute as to what, if any, wage increase should be granted. It leaves that issue to further collective bargaining following the board's determination of the factors involved."

Up to within minutes of Ching's announcement, union officials had insisted that their plans for a walkout by Tuesday morning were going ahead. Just before the conciliation director called reporters into his office, however, a union spokesman said an agreement was "buttoned up."

Union officials said word of the settlement would reach their members in 3000 offices over the nation through press and radio.

Adolph Brungs, president of the Western Union division of the AFL Commercial Telegraphers' union, said the union considered the solution "an impressive victory."

Ten Persons Killed In Palestine Clashes

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21 (AP)—Ten persons died in gun and knife attacks today as communal fighting flared along the roads of Palestine and in the Upper Galilee area near the borders of Syria and Lebanon.

Hagana, the Jewish militia, called on Arabs to help bring order back to the Holy Land and also minimized Arab claims that thousands of volunteers were training for guerrilla warfare against Zionists. A state of "complete anarchy" exists in Arab areas of the Holy Land, Hagana contended.

Shooting continued for the third straight day in Upper Galilee where Arabs and Jews fought in the town of Safad. One Arab was killed and three Arabs and two Jews were wounded there.

Since the United Nations voted for Palestine partition Nov. 29 a total of 300 persons have been killed in Palestine and 421 throughout the Middle East, an Associated Press count showed.

Fighting today occurred in various trouble spots throughout the length of Palestine. In the south two Jews were stabbed to death near the village of Yezur.

Between 15 and 20 men wearing the uniforms of temporary constables of the Palestine police force, armed with rifles and machine guns, were seen on the Ramallah-Er Ramle road northwest of Jerusalem. The three occupants of the bus were killed.

THE WEATHER

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair with little change in temperature today. Tomorrow rising temperature.

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High Antics Low

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

Local temperatures yesterday and early this morning were:

4 a. m.	26	4 p. m.	41
5 a. m.	26	5 p. m.	40
6 a. m.	25	6 p. m.	39
7 a. m.	24	7 p. m.	38
8 a. m.	23	8 p. m.	37
9 a. m.	21	9 p. m.	36
10 a. m.	20	10 p. m.	35
11 a. m.	19	11 p. m.	34
12 m.	18	12 p. m.	33
1 p. m.	17	1 p. m.	32
2 p. m.	16	2 p. m.	31

ITALY SETTLES 2-DAY STRIKE OF FOOD WORKERS

300,000 Agree to Return To Work After Promise Of increases in Wages

ROME, Dec. 21 (AP)—A nationwide strike of some 300,000 food workers was settled tonight less than 48 hours after it had begun—assuring Italians that food stores would be open for Christmas provisioning.

The office of Labor Minister Amintore Fanfani said the workers in stores flour mills spaghetti factories and similar establishments had agreed to go back to their jobs on a promise of increases in wages and severance pay.

The announcement said the agreement was reached today in a conference of Fanfani with employers and representatives of the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labor, lasting almost all day.

The strike will end officially tonight, the announcement stated. It started yesterday.

The walkout was one of a series called by Leftist-led labor in what has been interpreted as a campaign of pressure on Premier Alcide de Gasperi's middle-of-the-road government.

Speaking today in Avezzano in central Italy, Pietro Nenni told a gathering of his pro-Communist Socialist, "the Truman doctrine tends to make the Mediterranean countries an outpost of the conflict between east and west."

"If Italy yields to this policy," he said, "she will become the battleground of a third world war."

He said his party's position on the Marshall plan was "critical, not negative."

"American aid is natural because the United States came out of the war with few losses and an intact economic potential," Nenni declared.

He added it was too early to determine the relative advantages and disadvantages of the plan.

Elsewhere, the Leftists, having demonstrated their control over peasants and industrial workers, sponsored a meeting of peasants and farm workers' associations in Bologna to show the government their Agrarian strength.

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Pietro Nenni, leader of the pro-Communist Socialists, said the meeting was another step toward achieving "auto-government" of the workers, peasants and intellectuals.

Meanwhile, Leftist-led labor's steady pressure for greater benefits continued, with some observers predicting it may threaten success of the anti-inflation budget of Vice-Premier Luigi Einaudi.

The national unions of streetcar company employees and metal workers are talking about a possible strike.

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Chester County Youths Nabbed by Texas Police

DEVON, Dec. 21 — Two Malvern youths, wanted for armed robberies in Chester county the past ten days, were arrested yesterday in Dallas, Tex. where they had driven the car stolen Dec. 11 from Upper Merion, Trooper Maurice Wilhere, of the Devon State police, said tonight.

Howard M. Brown, 21, and Harold O'Brien, 22, were picked up by authorities there after police received a teletype message from Devon, and will be returned soon.

They and a third man still missing, were almost trapped Dec. 14 when they entered a King of Prussia store just as an Upper Merion constable was phoning Devon barracks for their description. The three fled seconds before the constable saw them.

Temperature Reaches 19 in Winter Preview

Plummeting to a seasonal low of 19 degrees in Saturday morning's early hours, the weekend wrote an appropriate fanfare for Winter's debut this morning at 11:43 o'clock.

The two days provided a fair example of very late Fall weather with temperatures staying in the 20s much of the time under fair skies Saturday and clouds yesterday.

Breaking away yesterday afternoon in time to frame a spectacular sunset, the clouds will disappear entirely today but will return tomorrow, the weatherman predicted.

The same temperatures are due for today but an increase is indicated for tomorrow, he adds.

RAIL WRECK IN MEXICO
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21 (AP)—Mexican National railways reported tonight that "a large but undetermined number of persons were killed or injured" in a railway accident on the Mexico City-Veracruz line at Esperanza, the halfway point.

Now open at 17 N. Hanover, Chas. Longacre, Jeweler formerly in Arcade Dresser Sets Greatly Reduced A. E. Willauer, 217 High Street Stationery, Mercury Office.

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Red and White Poinsettia plants Xmas Begonias Joecek's Ph 3215-W

Penna. Crown Christmas Trees Kessler's, Third and Johnson Sts.

Penn. Nursery Christmas Trees Lester R. Daub, 114 So. Hanover St.

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Reservations for Christmas Dinner Lakeside Inn, Phone Lanfield 2935

Indian Student Hails Country's Home Rule, Raps British Policy

By ED ROSENBERG
(Mercury Staff Writer)

Re-stirring up the latent dynamics of religious differences, the British touched off the explosion of bloodshed that followed the partition of India into Moslem Pakistan and Hindu India, in the opinion of a young Indian woman, vacationing here while attending Cornell University.

She is Miss Rosheen Bharrucha, a native of Lahore, in the Punjab section of Northern India, now a part of Pakistan located only 30 miles from the troubled border between the two newly-independent nations.

During the Christmas vacation she is a houseguest of Miss Jean Griffiths, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Griffiths, of Seven Springs farm, near Temple, Chester county, and also a Cornell student.

"The British deliberately stirred up trouble," the young woman declared. "They wanted the world to see how badly things are going now that the English have left. And judging from some of the reactions in your country, they have won their way."

In northern India, where the Pakistan-India boundary cuts through territory occupied both by Hindus and Moslems, population shifts resulted in rioting and bloodshed, as when Miss Bharrucha left her country for Cornell, the past September, the trouble was at its peak.

Since then, she has received word from home that the situation is quieting down.

Miss Bharrucha, a small figure clad in the traditional sari—a long cloth, draped from the shoulder to the ground, and consisting partly of a long strip of material and bound by two strips of green brocade, was astonished that "the Americans have such a garbled concept of my country."

"There is not one-fourth the mysticism in India that most people seem to believe," she declared, adding with a smile, "I've never seen the rope trick, for anyone who has."

Miss Bharrucha was educated in Christian missionary schools and in the Forman Christian college, near Lahore, a 90-year-old institution where she took her master's degree in chemistry.

Discussing the educational problems of India, where 80 percent of the population is illiterate, the visitor exclaimed, "The missionary schools are the best in India. In all the time the British were there they never made any attempt to educate the people! all they did was to exploit the country for what they could take out of it."

At Cornell Miss Bharrucha is studying bio-chemistry and nutrition, in a course that will culminate, she hopes, in a doctor's degree.

Although her plans are not definite, she said she hopes to work in a hospital in India and be able to study the problems of nutrition in her native land, "where no attempt ever has" (Continued on Page Fifteen)

New Contributors to 'Nancy Fund'

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Pottstown	

Santa Steals the Show at Kiddies' Parties

The tide of Christmas spirit, reaching a fullness in most Pottstown hearts, overflowed last weekend in fact almost broke the dikes—in a wave of parties that left a rash of bloated children purring complacently all over town.

In Penn Village where the so-called jet set has a sense of responsibility for beyond its years, the Youth took care of the Youth.

Thus, on Saturday morning the Penn Village Five Junction, a teen-agers' club, gave the community's kiddies a Christmas party they will remember long after the stomach aches from too much candy cane and cookies have died away.

With a standing-room-only crowd of 120 youngsters in the community center building, the teen-agers provided four reels of children's movies and a Santa Claus.

Appropriately garbed, Koser handed out ice cream, candy and candy canes, cookies and oranges.

The teen-age, s.c. committee which arranged the affair and decorated the center with bells, icicles and Christmas crepe paper decorations, consisted of Zelia Geyer, June Dawn Zink, Nancy Haring, Rose Marie Bender, Frank and Paul Noecker and Richard Scheidt.

Billy Smith, one of the youngsters played an accordion solo. The oldest member of the committee is 13.

Tearful But Happy



Four-year-old Dona Worthington, of Harrisburg, just couldn't keep the tears back when the City Toy Mission's Santa Claus presented her with this dog for her Christmas present. Dona had asked Santa for a dog but told members of the family she thought she wouldn't get her wish.

Gifts From Afar Help Swell 'Nancy's Fund'

From as far West as Bisbee, Ariz., to as far East as Orange, N. J., and from as deep in the South as Miami, Fla., have come gifts to swell Nancy's Christmas Fund.

The money will be used for the hospital training of Pottstown's most deserving case — that of Nancy Ann Dalglish, who is learning at 17 to control her movements. She couldn't before, because she was a spastic.

Gifts, it seemed, flowed into The Mercury office from everywhere. All were gratefully accepted.

The "little folks" of the Pottstown area were most generous. Their dollars, their dimes, their nickels and their pennies made up the major share of the huge funds.

The collections in the various industries were most heart-warming to the Dalglish family, which now is certain Nancy will have a merry Christmas. The rousing boxes of "collections" taken in the various plants demonstrated that the working man is sympathetic to his fellow-worker; that he understands the heartaches of the person who least can afford illness and calamity.

All plant collections were most generous.

Nancy's fund reached the tremendous total of \$5096.18 over the week-end, and it's still growing. Several organizations have advised (Continued on Page Fifteen)

Heavy Fog Is Blamed For Indiana Air Crash

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 21 (AP)—Deputy Sheriff Ralph Smith said today there was "little doubt" that a heavy fog hiding lights of the Terre Haute municipal airport was responsible for an airplane crash that killed four Pennsylvanians early Saturday morning.

The victims were the pilot, William P. Student, 26 and his brother, Stephen Student Jr., both of Lehighton; Charles J. Foster Jr., 20, of Penfield, and Raymond P. Zielinski, 22, of Reading.

When the minister returned, the accident was reported to Ralph Shank, Urchland, Chester county game warden.

While the Rev. Van Meter drove his badly damaged car toward North Coventry to report the incident to police, Frank Kulp, Nantmeal village, walked up to the spot. Two large hounds charged from the woods and went for the fallen beast.

Kulp beat off the dogs twice with a stick. Samuel Whitman, Nantmeal Village, drove up, and the two decided to end the suffering of the buck, which had both a front and back leg broken, and was bleeding at the hind quarters, where it had been nipped by the hounds.

Whitman stunned the buck with a hammer from his car, and let Kulp stab the buck in the throat.

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U. S. Aid Encourages War, Moscow Says

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 22 (AP)—The Moscow radio, making its first comment early today on President Truman's message to Congress Friday, said "the essence" of the Marshall plan is "war."

Commenting its commentary on the presidential message with a discussion of U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall's address the same day on the future of the London conference of foreign ministers, the Moscow broadcast said:

"When the United States announces a four-year program of expenditure to revive Germany's heavy industry her war potential, one recalls another four-year program for the development of Germany's economy. The notorious plan of Goering and Hitler."

The plan was adopted in 1936 to prepare the German war machine for World War II and (Hjalmar) Schacht was the financial head behind that plan. Now we see another four-year plan for so-called aid to Europe and again the sinister figure of Schacht. The essence of the two plans is the same—war."

The broadcast said that "at the London conference Marshall planned to join the French zone" to the combined American-British occupation zones.

"But on returning to Washington he admitted in his first speech that the economic program mapped out by American monopolies is to be carried out in western Germany—a program affecting exports and imports and imposing on Germany heavy financial obligations to Wall Street banks."

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Alcoholics Anonymous White Room 202 Security Bldg. Harrisburg's Ed M., 662 Walnut open Monday & Tuesday, 11:9 p. m. Kozak Bros. Cooper's Beef, F. 1935-W

NORTH COVENTRY CRASH INJURES THREE PERSONS

Woman, Two Sisters Hurt As Automobiles Collide At Highway Intersection

One woman and two teen-aged sisters were admitted to Pottstown hospital with minor injuries as the result of a two-car collision in North Coventry township at 11:10 o'clock Saturday night.

The injured were Miss Inez Hurley, 34, of Embreeville, Chester county, suffering a laceration of the right knee and complaining of chest pains; Miss Shirley Reese, 16, of Lancaster, who was discharged yesterday afternoon, having been only badly shaken up in the crash, and Miss Della Reese, 19, of Lancaster, treated for a contusion of the nose, right hand and left thumb, and possible fracture of the left thumb.

The girls are the daughters of Abram W. Reese, a Lancaster attorney.

They were passengers in a car driven by Jack S. Evans, 23, of Reading, who was proceeding south on Route 100 from a dance at Sunnyside. Neither Evans nor another passenger, Ralph Sloan, 20, of Prospect Park, was injured.

Evans claimed that his car was struck by a vehicle driven by Marshall B. Hickman, 78, of West Chester, who, he said, crossed the intersection of Routes 83 and 100, eastbound, without stopping. Miss Hurley was a passenger in Hickman's car.

Hickman, the owner of the Turk's Head Inn, West Chester, who was coming from Birdsboro, was uninjured in the crash, in which each car was damaged to the extent of approximately \$200, according to North Coventry Police Officer Daniel W. Guldin, who investigated.

The three women were taken to the hospital in an ambulance of the Good Will Fire company.

Community Tree Aglow Again At Post Office

After six long years of darkness during the Yuletide seasons of World War II, Pottstown's community Christmas tree near the Federal building, High and Washington streets, is again a blaze of light.

The 150 colored lights and huge white star which surmounts the tall spruce tree were fully lighted Saturday night and will continue to shine for the two-week holiday season.

The tree was planted at the post office site through the efforts of the Century club. Borough council recently took action whereby the borough again will defray the cost of illumination.

The Century club committee is composed of Mrs. John B. Evans, Mrs. Nelle Storm and Mrs. C. C. Burdian. The tree lights and star were placed in position by Thomas Zelke.

The Century club committee is making efforts to have carol singing and other appropriate Christmas rites at the tree on Christmas Eve but so far no definite plans have been completed. The club plans to place a bronze marker there in 1948.

It was in 1931 that the Century club, in an effort to forestall the ruthless cutting of evergreen trees annually for Christmas holiday decoration, received Federal permission to plant a permanent tree on the East side of the post office grounds.

At a cost of \$50 an 18-foot Norway spruce tree was planted on December 4, 1931, and dedicated by Burgess John E. Klink. During the terms of Burgess' Klink Jesse R. Evans and Lewis J. Sweeney the tree was illuminated annually for a period of two weeks.

PREDICTS JAIL SENTENCE
HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 21 (AP)—A special prosecutor at the municipal court here today said that "an unimpeachable source" had informed him that a former member of the Cuban revolution was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment for killing her lover, John Lester Meek, of Chicago.

ON THE MAIN DRAG

GEORGE R. BOYER—discussing the political future of the U. S.

OSBORNE JEFFRIES—singing the role of Santa Claus.

RALPH YOCUM—decorating a Christmas tree.

NORMAN ELLIS—inspecting Christmas trees.

DONALD DAVIS—doing the police duty.

MAURICE MOSHEIN—recalling ice skating time.

ROBERT CALDWELL—buying a fat goose.

PAUL BAILEY—acting as a door tender.

PAUL SIDLEY—decorating Christmas trees.

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Report Says Rocket Plane Travels Faster Than Sound Breaking Sonic Barriers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) — Aviation Week will say in an issue dated tomorrow that an experimental rocket plane, the Bell XS-1, has flown faster than the speed of sound on several occasions during the past month.

There have been persistent rumors that the sonic barrier had been reached by the XS-1 but Defense Secretary Forrestal forbade any official disclosure under security regulations issued specifically to cover Air Force progress in high speed flight.

The speed of sound generally is stated as 760 miles an hour, but this relates to standard conditions of 59 degrees Fahrenheit at sea level altitude. The speed of sound varies up to 100 miles an hour in either direction as the temperature rises or descends.

Aviation Week will say that the first flight faster than sound was made at Muroc Air Base, Calif., more than a month ago by Capt. Charles Yeager and that since then the speed has been duplicated several times by Yeager and test pilots Howard Lilly and Herbert Hoover of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the government's top aviation research agency.

The XS-1, which is powered by 4 rocket motors and is launched from the belly of a B-29, was built as an experimental aircraft in a co-operative effort between the Air Force and NACA. At the time it was first announced, the Air Force said it was expected eventually to reach speeds of 1700 miles an hour.

The magazine said that the XS-1 had been timed by radar and had flown at altitudes of 40,000 to 70,000 feet.

The biggest surprise of the little plane's achievement, Aviation Week says, is the absence of numerous anticipated difficulties near the speed of sound, the so-called trans-sonic range, where the mixed flow of air at sub-sonic and super-sonic speeds is encountered.

The magazine said that a "revolution" in high speed aircraft design is anticipated as a result of the XS-1 flights, adding that Republic, Lockheed, McDonnell and Consolidated Vultee aircraft companies already are re-designing intercenter fighters which they are building for the Air Force.

It is estimated there are 65 million people in the French colonial empire.

Six Persons Perish As Fire Sweeps Home

CAMDEN, S. C., Dec. 21 (AP) — Six members of a single family were burned fatally near here when a kerosene can exploded and swept a room in a rural frame dwelling with flames.

The dead were 47-year-old Mrs. Mabel Melton, two of her sons, a daughter, and two grandchildren, all of the Bethune community.

Mrs. Raymond Melton, one of three survivors, said the blast occurred last night, 24 hours after they had moved into the home. The 18-year-old wife and Bonnie Belle Melton, her 17-year-old sister-in-law, who were in another part of the house, carried the victims from the blazing room.

Two Iranians in Tie For Premier Berth

TEHRAN, Iran, Dec. 21 (AP) — The Iranian parliament tonight nominated two men, Ibrahim Hakimi and Dr. Mohammad Mosadegh, to serve tomorrow the 110th anniversary of its start in rescue operations.

Each nominee received 54 votes. Six of the 114 deputies present did not participate in the balloting.

The new premier will succeed Ahmed Qavam, who resigned after failing to win a parliamentary test of confidence Dec. 10.

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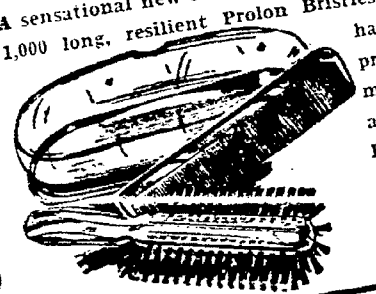
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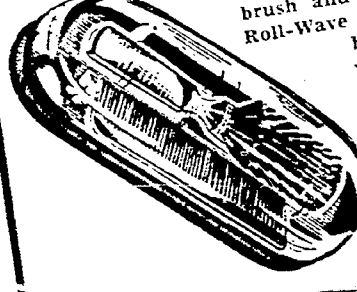
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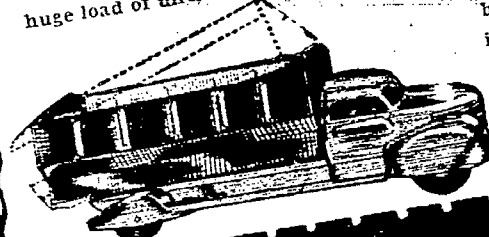
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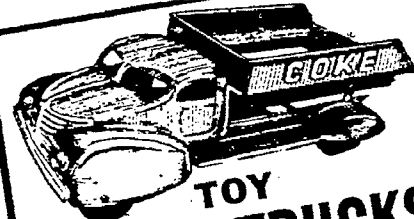
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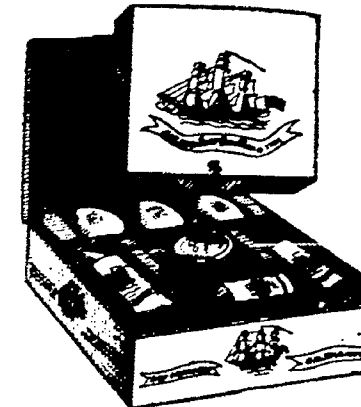
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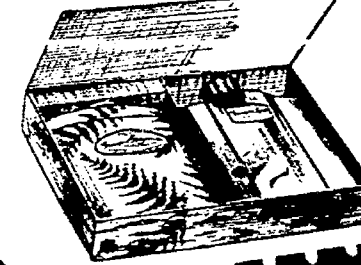
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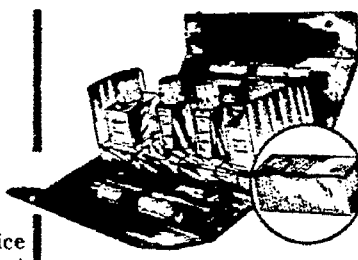
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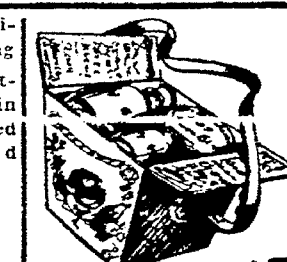


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History is neither more or less than biography on a large scale.—Lamar-tine.

Give Clerks a Break

THOUSANDS of pieces of mail cascade through the open windows of the Pottstown postoffice, inundating the patient courteous clerks who struggle to keep the long lines before their windows as short as possible.

Standing in the line, one can hear muttered complaints about the slow manner in which the clerks handle the mail. Minutes creep by, but the lines seem to add as many persons as those who are eliminated by the completion of their business.

And the grumbling goes on.

One woman, after hearing her chance acquaintance growl at the service ventured a meek defense for the harassed clerks. She implied that they did the best they could, and after all they did perform as speedily as possible a great public service.

The critic came back with the phrase, "So what? Isn't that what they get paid for?" True, the postal clerks are paid to do their job just as all other persons receive remuneration for their daily efforts. You can not pay some persons, however, for the extra courtesy and efficiencies they throw into the basic task they perform.

Watching the clerks patiently explain why a package should be tied more securely, addressed correctly, and courteously answering the sharp criticism and often childish arguments of tired and weary Christmas shoppers, it is evident that the postal clerks are not paid for all the services they furnish the public.

The only payment for these extras are a similar courtesy, and appreciation for someone trying to do a difficult job expediently, and smoothly.

This is a good thing to think about these last few days before Christmas when you dash to the post office, arms full of packages, and wait a quarter of an hour until the line finally ushers you up to the clerk who is trying his best to get you home so that he can go home also.

Country Christmas

CHRISTMAS on Memory Farm was a bountiful time. The huge red barn was crammed with hay, the corn cribs and granary filled with provender for the insatiable livestock. Potatoes, cabbages, carrots and apples made the root cellar redolent. The smoke house, full of hams, bacon and sausages from the late autumn slaughtering, gave out appetizing smells.

The fat, friendly cattle had grown shaggy coats and seemed never to mind the cold. Nor did the sleek, muscular horses that pulled the big sleigh, no matter how bitter the weather.

That sleigh had an important role at Christmas, carrying the family to early services. The newly oiled harness and its polished brass fittings shone richly on the proud team in the lantern light. The sleigh had been piled deep with hay. Just before the long journey to church started, warm robes were brought from the house and earthen jugs of hot water to keep feet from freezing.

Back home, hours later, milking and the other chores waited. In the house, activity got under way swiftly, even though most of the preparations for this day had been going on for weeks. Head cheese, mince meat and fruit cake had been aging, bread and cookies were baked, the biggest turkey of the small flock dressed.

Soon after noon dinner was announced. Feasting went on and on. Then there were recitations by the youngsters, singing of old carols, probably naps for some of the grown-ups. The children went sliding or skating on the creek. Each probably had a new knife or doll to mark the occasion, but gifts were only an incidental part of the celebration.

Toward evening, the chores had to be repeated. But they were gotten through with easily. Even the cows seemed taken with the good feeling of the day.

By the time supper was ready, the stars had come out and shone benignly on the peaceful farm.

Make It a Happy Holiday

CHRISTMAS holidays are happy ones. They are days when loved ones reunite in a spirit of cheer around the family Yule tree. These reunions often bring relatives from afar, making the most of holiday vacations.

But it's a happy holiday only if it's a safe holiday. An automobile's twisted wreckage, spewing mangled bodies, means a holiday season of sorrow for someone. You're hoping it won't be any of your loved ones. For, if it is, the lights of that tree won't shine so bright. There will be no Christmas cheer in your heart. So, if you're driving this holiday, remember the sorrow an accident would bring.

Grampaw Oakley

PUNKIN CORNERS,
Editor, The Mercury,
Dear Sir 'n' Brother:
Wal, there's only three shopping days till Christmas. If you haven't done your shopping, you'd better get a football uniform, complete with protective pads and helmet!

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Hopin' you air the same,
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Atomic Bomb Peril Mocks "Dumb World"

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By MERCURY READERS

Don't Waste Taxes

To the Editor: Why rebuild Europe? If the use of atomic bombs, activated water and gases, germs, rays and remote control missiles can destroy Europe's people and their civilization overnight, why rebuild her? Why use our taxes for this useless purpose?

Won't these people permit new Hitler, Mussolini, Kaisers and Francos to take over governments and again destroy Europe?

What a dumb world! Science and the medical profession continually strive to prolong life, rebuild bodies and relieve pain; populations working the year round to provide better homes, cities, education and higher levels of living, only to permit hoodlum minorities to destroy it all.

When the UN can meet unlawful force with superior lawful force—when it can guarantee permanent peace, then is the time for the U. S. and all other nations to consider the rebuilding of Europe. Its first job should be to build larger jails to house the guerrilla bands, communists, strikers and all other groups stopping production or advocating violence.

Pottstown W. L. H.

Visit a Veteran

To the Editor: Have you or I ever visited a veteran's hospital. How shameful that none of us go. Maybe we could inspire just one man or help him in some way. Just a story—a joke—a tip—a practical suggestion—there are thousands of ways to ease things for the fellows who faced the fire and hell.

Pottstown WHY NOT PEACE?

Three Kinds of Presidents

To the Editor: The American people have certainly had variety in the character of their presidents. First came Washington who could not tell a lie, later came F. D. R. who could not tell the truth and now we have Truman who can not tell the difference.

Royersford J. H. N.

The Worry Clinic

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

HENRY B., 39, is chairman of his local school board.

"Dr. Crane, a number of parents have raised an objection to their children's exchanging gifts or valentines on holidays, especially between boys and girls," he announced.

"For example, they seem to think this practice will promote premature love affairs between the 7th and 8th graders, thus detracting from their classroom studies.

"These children range in age from 12 to 14 years, and seem to be quite normal in all other respects. I do not personally believe it is harmful for the boys and girls to exchange gifts and valentines, but I would like to present some sound arguments before a formal meeting of the school board.

"Dr. Crane, what do psychologists think of this practice?"

Children ranging from 12 to 14 years in age, seldom become so smitten by Cupid's darts that they cannot concentrate on their lessons.

Psychologists are in agreement with Henry regarding the innocence of this practice. As a matter of fact, it is even wise to teach children that they should look to the opposite sex for their emotional attachments later in life.

The big psychological danger today is that boys will become too attached to their own sex, and that girls will develop dangerous school-girl crushes on other girls.

For homosexuality is all too common nowadays, and it arises partly because in childhood these unfortunate persons haven't been taught to think in terms of the opposite sex regarding their romantic dreams and desire for affection. So they fail to grow up emotionally.

Let me cite a typical case to show how homosexual attachments develop. It deals with a school teacher named Sarah. Sarah was four years old when her mother divorced her father.

The mother and daughter then went home to the grandparents, where Sarah grew up with her mother's three younger sisters. The grandfather died before Sarah was 10 years old.

The entire home environment thereafter was feminine. And to make matters worse, Sarah was sent to a girl's boarding school. There she roomed with another girl with somewhat masculine attitudes.

When the puppy love stage arrived, Sarah not only had no boys around her on whom to make an attachment, but she had not been normally educated to think of boys as the proper source of her love satisfaction.

You can probably guess the result. She is now 32 years of age. She teaches school. Her "girl friend" is the gym teacher in the same large school. Neither girl has ever had an interest in men. They are homosexuals.

Fondness for the opposite sex is called heterosexual love, and is the sort which should be tactfully encouraged.

In the normal home, where both parents are living, the little girl soon learns that when she grows up and marries, she'll pick a man. The little boy also has girl friends before he enters kindergarten or first grade. And he knows he'll marry a woman.

These attitudes are wholesome and commendable. If parents will just refrain from injecting prudery or precocious sex attitudes into this normal emotional growth, they need not worry about the problem of homosexuality.

Exchange of valentines and gifts by boys and girls is seldom harmful. Encourage it, within moderation.

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BECAUSE her engagement to Mr. John Rhoads Jr., of Bechtelsville, has been announced.

Lewis, AF of L Split On Truman Support

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—John L. Lewis is "disaffiliated" from the American Federation of Labor—again—for the simple but unwritten reason that he learned that this organization and the CIO intend to support President Truman for re-election in 1948.

The AF of L's decision to sign the Hartley-Taft anti-Communist affidavit, as well as to oust him as a vice-president from William Green's group, were only the pretense and the occasion for his quitting. Still ranking from Mr. Truman's attempt to jail him when he called a coal strike after the war, he cannot bring himself to endorse the man in the White House.

It would hurt his pride. He also feels that it would "stultify" him in the eyes of his miners. Most important of all, he hates the thought that the \$200,000 of annual dues paid into the AF of L treasury by his UMW should be spent to re-elect his personal and political enemy.

Even John L. doubts that his army of 500,000 supporters will accept his advice in the 1948 presidential campaign, if he takes the stump openly for Mr. Truman's Republican opponent.

The late F. D. R. phrased it aptly after the 1940 election, when the miners voted for him in the face of Lewis's radio appeal for Wendell Wilkie.

"When John L. talks politics," chuckled Mr. Roosevelt, "they follow me! When I talk economics, they follow him!"

Lewis's coyness in revealing the real reason for the latest break with the AF of L lies in the fact that his men, as the late Chief Executive noted, obey him without question when he is moved by considerations affecting his own status or his union.

Therefore, he gives out that differences over compliance with the Hartley-Taft Act, which the miners hate, were responsible. He keeps his ulterior purposes under his big, black hat.

BLACKLISTED: Organized labor's 15,000,000 voters will need no urging to vote for President Truman if the GOP nominates Senator Taft of Ohio, Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota or Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts. This trio has been blacklisted for their sponsorship or approval of the statute which bears the Ohio Senator's name as co-author.

It is not expected that any of these men would lose the total labor vote, for many heads of locals, as well as the rank-and-file, do not detect the new law as violently as the leaders. It is the latter's wings which have been plucked most effectively by the measure.

Nevertheless, the workmen would not be too enthusiastic over many of these possibilities and a majority would probably succumb to the leadership's appeals and arguments.

REASON: The two prospects who would be most satisfactory to the Green-Murray-Lewis element are Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Gov. Earl Warren of California. Their records at Albany and Sacramento, respectively, are regarded as pro-labor and neither is known to have endorsed the Hartley-Taft Act, significantly enough.

In fact, Governor Dewey drew cheers after a recent conference with high officials of the New York State Federation of Labor at Albany. He assured them he would not support a "little Hartley-Taft Act for New York" at the forthcoming legislative session.

Edward Corsi, Dewey's Labor Commissioner, gave the assurance. He said that the 1944 nominee saw no reason for restrictive anti-labor laws in the Empire State, conveying the impression that Dewey so regarded the federal statute.

Corsi quoted his superior as favoring increases in social security benefits, including sickness insurance for all workers. The Labor Commissioner also discussed the establishment of a uniform grievance procedure which might ameliorate the law forbidding state employees to strike.

MONETARY: Secretary John W. Snyder is not advertising it, but his greatest personal headache has been the undoing of Henry Morgenthau's mistakes of foreign and fiscal policy. Another Cabinet member plagued with the same problem is Secretary Marshall.

Belatedly, the Treasury is taking steps to revise a Morgenthau monetary policy in Germany and Korea that may cost this government more than \$300,000,000. It is printing new occupation currency for use by our troops and civilian agents in both former enemy countries. The new plates will not be handed over to Stalin.

Secretary Morgenthau, for some reason, turned over the plates for rolling out original occupation marks to the Russians, and they rolled their own in a big way. Under the former Cabinet member's plan, this virtually counterfeit money will have to be redeemed by the United States, unless we can find a diplomatic method of avoiding it.

BONDS: One of Morgenthau's last acts was to stage a postwar drive for the public sale of government bonds. It was probably the most expensive selling campaign of the war, and brought in almost thirty billion dollars. The sum was not needed, but the interest charges cost money and contributed to the inflationary trend.

Secretary Snyder has used it to retire approximately the same amount of the public debt, thus removing it as an inflationary factor. Save for the use of this source of funds, there has been no reduction of the federal mortgage since V-J Day.

Secretary Marshall's chief chore, of course, is to revise upward the production level in Germany, which Morgenthau sought to transform into a pastoral state. Until recently, he has met opposition from the French, who have tried to hold him to the Morgenthau formula.



Bridge

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

Worst Possible Luck

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE for a declarer to make any worse mistake of omission in his planning than neglecting to count up his positive assets and liabilities at the outset. If he fails to add up his sure winners at No Trumps—so he can see how many more he must try to develop to make his contract—or if he doesn't count his apparent losing tricks at a suit contract—so he can note how many he must avoid—he doesn't even know really what is the scope of the job he had to do.

9 7 2					
K J 6 4 2					
10 7 5 3					
9					
J 6 3					
8 5					
K 9 8 4					
K 8 4 2					

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 NT			

The No Trump enthusiast who kept his diamond suit hidden during that bidding was pleased to see West open the suit, his 4. He put on the 3 from dummy, noted East's discard of the club 7, and took the trick with his 6—quite pleased with getting it so cheaply. Then, and only then, did he begin to count up the tricks in sight—much too late. After a while he learned that the first trick was really one of the most expensive he had taken all evening.

Observing that he had to bring in some heart tricks in the dummy to make his contract, he scored the A, overtook the Q with the K, played the J and was flabbergasted to see West discard a club. Hoping that in some impossible way he might get back to the dummy later, he led the heart 2 to East's 10, setting up the 6. South let the club Q return win, also the K, and took the third club with the A. He laid down the diamond A, then led the 2 in the hope West would foolishly play low. But he came in with the K, led the spade 3 to the A and the club J set the contract.

A little counting at the start would have shown South how to avoid overtaking the heart Q with the K. All he had to do was win the first diamond with the J, leaving himself two cards lower than the dummy's 10. The heart A and Q then could have been followed by a low diamond lead, and still another later if West used the K on it. That would have assured four tricks each in hearts and diamonds, plus one in clubs. Actually it would have produced five in hearts and possibly a spade trick too if West disregarded his partner's high club signal.

Tomorrow's Problem

J 10					
A Q 10 7 5 3					
K 2					
7 4 3					
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After West leads the club J, how should South play for 3-No Trumps?

Hollywood

By EDITH GWYNN

The weirdest deal of the season

is undoubtedly the one which MGM made with Al Jolson to sing the songs for the sequel to "The Jolson Story" at that studio with Gene Kelly playing Jolson, instead of the picture falling to Columbia with Larry Parks doing a repeat of that now-famous role. The reason the whole thing fell apart at Columbia is that Jolson insisted on having his album of recorded songs (the ones that would be in the sequel), released to the public long before the picture could be finished, and Columbia figured that would hurt the film. Don't be surprised if Metro tries to borrow Larry Parks to play Jolson, and lends Gene Kelly to Columbia for a picture—in spite of current plans. And, oh, yeah! Metro is paying Jolson \$750,000 just for the use of his voice! ... Rosalind Russell heads for Palm Springs as soon as "The Velvet Touch" (in which she's worked 58 days straight) is finished. If it's true, as we read, that Roz really sent Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip a print of "Mourning Becomes Electra" as a wedding present, then we're still giggling ... Former presidential nominee, Alf. M. Landon is building a radio station in Denver. Already owns one in Leavenworth, Kansas ... Famed economist Roger Babson predicts that this will be the last "easy money" year for a long time.

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NUMPTIAL EVENT:—Miss Eliza Lacey, of Limerick, was married to Henry O'Neill, of Sanatoga, by the Rev. L. Kryder Evans in the Trinity Reformed church study.

BABY SHOW PRIZES:—H. M. Boone has offered a solid gold pin for the prettiest baby at the baby show of the Sanatoga Poultry exhibit to be held in Kurtz's hall, Sanatoga. Judges will have a tough job, said Boone.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY:—Isaac S. Rotes, local wheelwright, is observing his 71st birthday. Born in Faglesville, he has been a Pottstown resident for half a century.

POSSUM CLUB BANQUET:—The Merchants Hotel Club and Possum Club held a banquet last night. Dr. W. B. Shaner was toastmaster. An address was made by Col. Meritt M. Missimer, veteran sportsman and organizer of the club.

25 Years Ago

December 22, 1922

YULE TREES STOLEN:—A large number of young pine trees was stolen at Ringing Rocks Park, owned by the Ringing Rocks Realty company. Hilary M. Lessig said about 30,000 young trees were planted there.

HOSPITAL DRIVE PROGRESSES:—The drive for \$50,000 for the Homeopathic hospital annex is meeting with success. B. Paul Sheeder is team chairman.

FIREMEN'S SHOW:—The Empire Hook and Ladder company is giving a Christmas vaudeville show. Harry Endy is chairman of the entertainment committee.

10 Years Ago

December 22, 1937

REBUILD HIGHWAY SECTION:—H. R. Miller, of Lancaster, has been awarded the contract on a bid of \$262,862.40 for reconstruction of a portion of Route 422 between Pottstown and Limerick. Bridges will be erected at Rahn's Hill and Lake side, Limerick. Wage rate for labor is 40 and 45 cents an hour.

VETERAN LODGEMAN DIES:—Charles C. Weiler, veteran lodge member and insurance agent, died yesterday at his home, 523-North Charlotte street.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:—Mr. and Mrs. Emerson B. Armprister, of 804 Queen street, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26. They were wed in the Methodist church at Westfield. Mr. Armprister was employed for 48 years by the Reading company as a trainman.

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Worried About Insanity...

Babies Born Early...

INSPIRATION COLUMN

White Gift Service at Trinity Reformed Brings 617 Presents for Orphans' Home

Six hundred and seventeen gifts for boys and girls at the Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, were placed around the altar of Trinity Reformed church, Hanover and King streets, at the annual "White Gift" Christmas service held in the sanctuary yesterday morning.

The gifts were presented by pupils of the Sunday school and members of the congregation who worshiped together at a combined service. A monetary offering, which is expected to go beyond \$400 following the annual dawn service Christmas morning, also was received for the orphans' home.

The gifts were taken to the home in Womelsdorf, which is sponsored by the Evangelical and Reformed church, yesterday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway Geyer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wells, Mr. and Mrs. James Nottle and T. Edmund Wells. They will be distributed to the boys and girls there Christmas morning.

Every department in the school had a share in the service yesterday including the children of the Nursery, Beginner and Primary departments who sang several songs, members of the Junior, Chancel and Senior choirs who sang under the direction of Vernon D. Johnson, minister of music.

A tableaux scene of the Nativity was presented by Mrs. Chester Bechtel who sang, "Sleep Little Jesus," accompanied by Mrs. Minnie B. Lehr, organist. The Rev. John B. Frantz, pastor, was in charge of the service and delivered a Christmas message to the chil-

dren. "A Cane and a Shepherd," followed later by a brief message to the adults, "A Cane and You."

Johnson also led the adult congregation, after which were dismissed to their respective departments, in a congregational hymn of familiar Christmas carols.

Teachers and pupils and class members exchanged gifts following the service and each Sunday school pupil received a gift from the school.

J. Robert Von Drach presented a dinner set to the Rev. and Mrs. Frantz as a Christmas gift from the Sunday school and congregation.

The White Gift service yesterday was arranged by the following committee: Miss L. Mae Christman, chairman, Miss Helen Young, Mrs. LaRue Clayton, Mrs. Harry Freese, Miss Josephine Boyer, Mrs. John Blum, Mrs. Jennie Edelman, Mrs. Richard Haury, Mrs. John B. Frantz, Mrs. J. Marcus Crum, Joyce Young, Robert Von Drach, Edward Shoemaker, Gordon Galloway, Daniel Bechtel and Bruce Buck.

Last night members of the Youth Fellowship of the congregation visited 20 homes of sick and shut-

in members of the congregation, singing Christmas carols and bearing a Christmas gift to each home. Following was followed by a Christmas Fellowship at the parsonage, 1028 Bellevue avenue.

The traditional dawn service will be held at 6 o'clock Christmas morning in the form of a candle-light service. Members of the Junior, Chancel and Senior choirs will open the service with a "Candle Procession."

Final plans for the service will

be made at a full rehearsal of all the choirs tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock.

Heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States, accounted for 30 percent of all U. S. deaths in 1944.

BANK PRESIDENT DIES
BETHLEHEM, Dec. 21 (P) — Harry J. Fritch, 64, president of the First National Bank and company of Bethlehem and a member of the board of trustees of Moravian college, died last night of a heart attack.

RAIL OFFICIAL QUILTS
CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (P) — E. E. McInnis, 65, vice president and general counsel of the Santa Fe railway, announced today his retirement, effective Jan. 1, and Jonathan C. Gibson was named his successor.

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The program of Christmas song and story presented yesterday morning at Trinity Evangelical Congregational church was attended by 177, with James Yost, Sunday school superintendent, in charge of the program.

Prayer and greetings were given by the Rev. Donald T. Floyd, while the following children took part:

Nursery group: Gail Boudor, Kathleen Hoffman, Marilyn Yost and Phyllis Neffier; primary department, Virginia Liller, Billy Feight, Virginia Dornier, Joseph Smoyer, Rose Ann Fulman, Bobby Sandoe, Betty Jane Herner, Bonnie Esinger and Harry about.

Kindergarten group: Bobby Kranch, Patty Feight, Joyce Anne Yost, Marian Griesemer, Donna Feight, Bobby Smoyer, Jackie Mauger, Larry Childers, Carol Lee March, Lynne Williams, Evelyn Frymoyer, Deanna Mauger, Phyllis Brown, Barry Smoyer, David Sackal, Brian Reynolds, Lillian Trout, Donald Stouch, Ronald Yost, Sandra Lee Hoffman, Elsie Jost and Harold Bitter.

Freed's School Pupils To Re-present Play


Freed's school, New Hanover township, will re-present the pageant, "Prophecy Fulfilled," Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

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Cafe Proprietor Faces Charge Following Brawl

A warrant for James Machain, proprietor of the Wallace Cafe, 12 South Hanover street, on a charge of assault and battery, was issued yesterday by Justice of the Peace Raymond C. Kelley, of the Second ward.

The warrant grew out of a fracas at the cafe Saturday night when Machain allegedly was involved in a fight with Nicholas Koren, a resident of the YMCA.

Kelley declared that no time for a hearing had been set.

Rail Worker Is Jailed For Disorderly Conduct

Donald John Gillespie, 37, a laborer living at the railroad camp in Monocacy, was committed to the Chester County jail at West Chester late Friday night after pleading guilty to a charge of drunk and disorderly conduct before Justice of Peace Ralph W. Ralston, of North Coventry township.

Gillespie, who gave his permanent home address at Philadelphia, was arrested by North Coventry Police Officer Daniel W. Guldin after he was found wandering through buildings on the Laurel Locks farms at 1:30 a. m. Friday.

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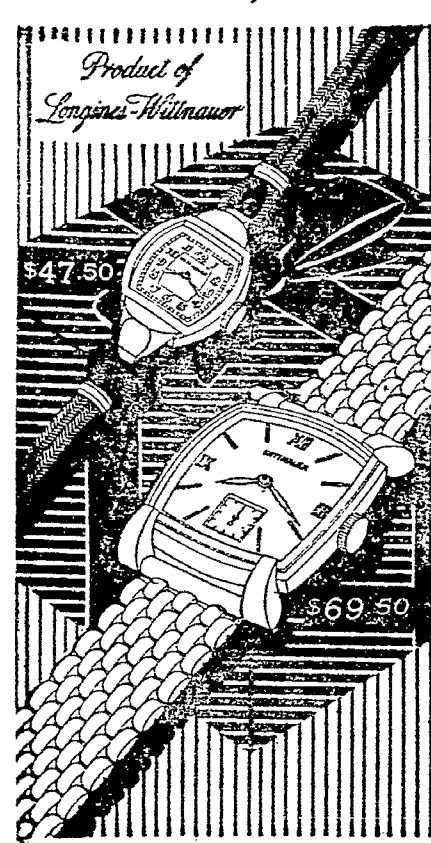
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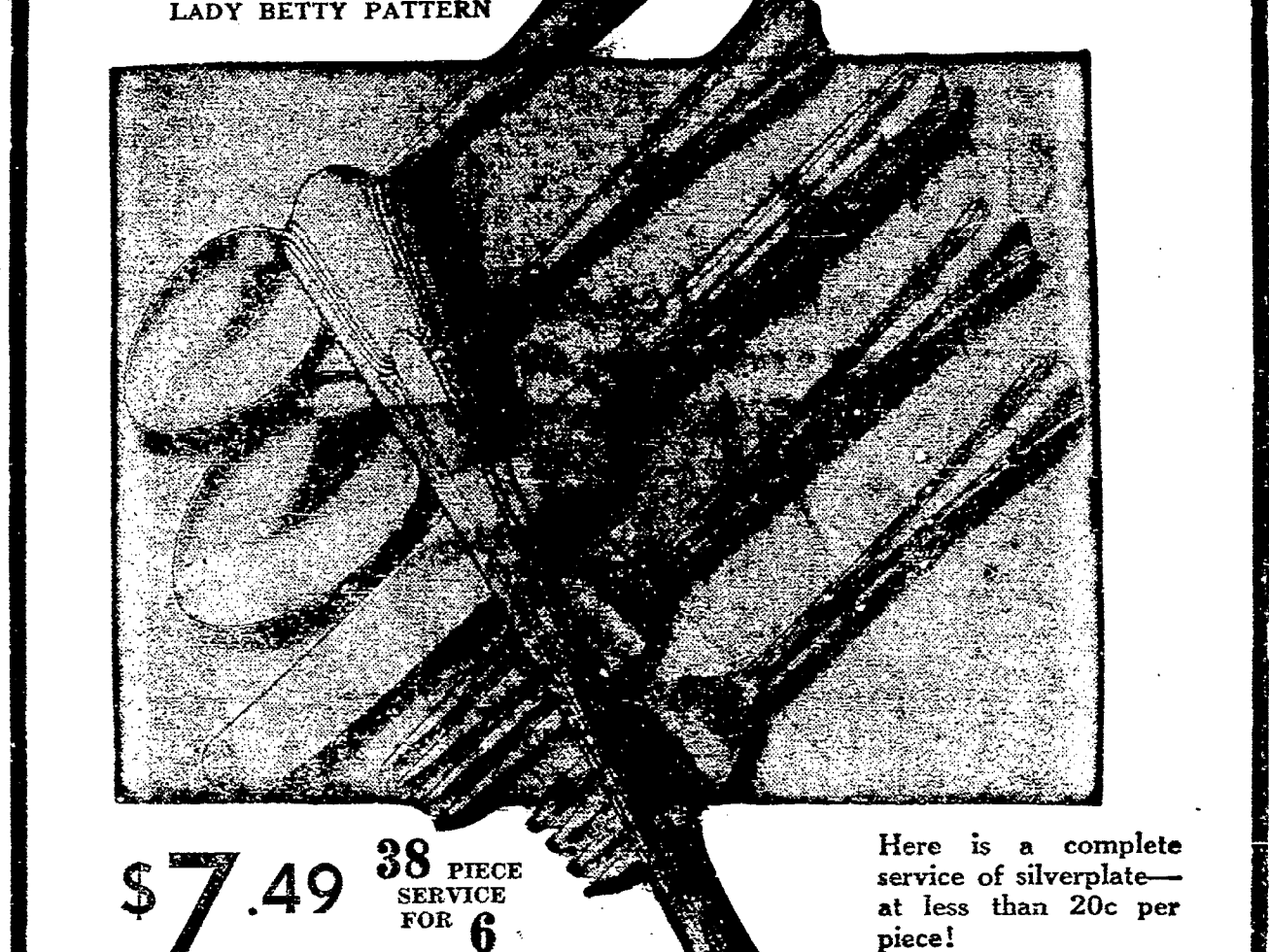
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Boyertown Woman on Schooner, 'Utopia', Reports on First Leg of Leisurely Trip

Marian S. Berk, daughter of Mrs. Mabel Berk, 15 Fairview street, Boyertown, expects to be in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, late next month after a recrossing of the Atlantic aboard the schooner "Utopia," which vessel she has been aboard since it left Quebec the past August on a leisurely trip to Europe, North Africa, and South America.

Invited to join the ship's company because of a friendship she made with Jeanette Winchell of West Newton, Mass., while both were serving with the American Red Cross in Europe during the war, Miss Berk is one of 12 passengers who are making the trip on the 65-foot schooner which embodies features which its designer and captain, Fred J. Peterson, of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., believes makes it an ideal

Following stopovers on two islands in the Azores group, Miss Berk and the other personnel on board sailed to Madeira islands and then to Lisbon, Portugal. At Cadiz, Spain, she and several other members of the party took a train trip to Madrid, and a few days later joined the rest of the party at Gibraltar. Then came a stop at Algiers.

At Anzio, Italy, scene of bloody fighting when U. S. forces invaded Italy, Miss Berk met eight G.I.s who belonged to a graves registration outfit and who acted as guides to the battlefield and the cemetery there. Miss Berk, in a letter to her mother, said that the military

cemetery was one of the most beautiful spots she has ever seen. Miss Berk arrived at Nice, France, on Nov. 20, birthday of both Miss Winchell and herself, following a cruise which took the crew to Rome for a three-day tour. While there, they visited the Vatican museum and other places of interest. Since the trip is a co-operative venture with all members of the ship's company helping in routine duties, someone was bound to get the job of preparing a thanksgiving dinner for the 12 members. Miss Berk and Miss Winchell shared the dubious honor while the "Utopia" was at Barcelona, Spain.

The schooner made a brief stop at Gibraltar to pick up mail and then headed for Tangier, North Africa. Because of rough weather which at times necessitated the presence of the entire crew on deck to save the sails from being ripped to shreds, Miss Berk reported an interesting Mediterranean cruise.

Gabelsville Girl Becomes Bride of Gordon Hunsberger

The marriage of Jane Hess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hess, Gabelsville, to Gordon Hunsberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hunsberger, 310 Front street, Boyertown, took place Saturday at 1 p. m. in Church of the Good Shepherd, Evangelical and Reformed. The Rev. Harper L. Schneck, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony.

The couple was attended by Clyde McConnell, of Pittsburgh, and June Hess, a twin sister of the bride. The bride chose an egg-white dress trimmed in gold nailheads and wore a corsage of white orchids and black accessories. The sister wore a robin-egg blue dress and a corsage of yellow teaseros. Her accessories, too, were black.

The bride is employed at Amity Manufacturing company, Boyertown, while Hunsberger is a salesman at Union Manufacturing company, Boyertown. He is a graduate of Boyertown High school and during the war he was a staff sergeant in the AAF with overseas service.

The groom is also well-known in local and county tennis circles. For the past two seasons, he has held the local doubles championship title with Stanley Levingood, and he held the singles title in 1946. Following the ceremony on Saturday, the couple left on a wedding trip to New York City. Upon their return to Boyertown, they will make their home in an apartment located at 139 West Philadelphia avenue.

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Electric Train Race Is Set for Jan. 16 In High School

The highball sign will be out for juvenile railroaders of Boyertown and vicinity on Friday, Jan. 16, when the Junior Hi-Y club holds its seventh annual electric train race in the high school gymnasium.

An added feature this year will be separate races for boys and girls of elementary and high school age. Club members, believing that it is unfair to pit a first, second, or third grader against a junior or senior in high school, decided to hold separate races provided there are sufficient entries. Junior events—for children of grade school ages—in Boyertown and surrounding towns—will start at 7 p. m., to be followed by the senior race, open to boys and girls of junior high and high school age.

Richard Landis, in the tenth grade in Boyertown High this year, will be defending champion for the second straight year, having won both the past year and in 1946.

Race officials, all of whom are serving on a club committee planning the event, will try to get as many entries as possible this year. They have announced that any boys or girls of school age who own either o-gauge or two-rail trains may enter the event. Arrangements are being worked out this year for two-rail trains, the committee said.

The permanent track platforms used for the first time last year will again be used. Straightways are 16 feet long with full circles at each end. More than 120 pieces of track are required for the dual layouts, plans for which were drawn up last year by Ernest Smith, a model railroad dealer. Entry blanks for the event were distributed to the three schools in the borough the past Friday by

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5 Children Baptized In Church Ceremonies

Baptisms performed by the Rev. David F. Longacre, pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, include the following: Nancy Marie and Gloria Gene Perks, daughters of Robert W. and Dorothy Miller Perks; Ruth Ann Moyer, daughter of Earl D. and Elfreda G. Houck Moyer, in the church; and Kathleen Ruth Krause, daughter of James O. and Florence S. Snell Krause, also in the church; and Martin Eugene Allemendinger, son of Ernst F. and Helen Y. Maurer Allemendinger, at the home of the parents, 106 North Washington street.

Also baptized yesterday morning following church services was Dennis Lee O'Connell, son of Frank M. and Hilda W. Lorah O'Connell, of Pottstown.

committee members. Closing date for entry is Friday, Jan. 9. The committee in charge is headed by Thomas Schrupp, chairman. Other members are Carroll Bause, Henry Reinert, Gene Heydt and Donald Eddinger.

Admission to the event is free but a collection will be taken, proceeds of which will be used to purchase a water cooler for the boys' dressing room in the high school, the club decided.

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High School Students to Present Playlet As 1000 Youngsters Start Holiday Tomorrow

Christmas vacation for 1000 school pupils in the borough schools will begin at noon tomorrow, with Christmas observance highlighted by presentation of a musical version of Dickens' famous "A Christmas Carol" in the high school auditorium tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. under the direction of Ida M. Reinert, director of vocal music.

Ebenezer Scrooge, a lonely old man who cannot be bothered with Christmas, is portrayed by Harold Weiss, a senior, while Richard Weller, a sophomore, plays the part of Bob Cratchit, a poor man who is in the employ of Scrooge. Bruce Landis, an eighth grade boy, will play the part of Tiny Tim, crippled son of Cratchit. Jacob Marley, dead business partner of Scrooge, will be enacted by Richard Weiss, a junior. Jacqueline Matney, a sophomore, will represent Mrs. Cratchit, while Scrooge as a little boy is portrayed by Paul Frey. Scrooge as an older boy, by John Robert Ritter, and as a youth by Robert Gabel.

Also participating are Howard Body, Shirley Reinert, John Adolffson, Harold Meadway, Sherrill Sell, Kenneth Reigner, Joanne Nuss, Dennis Kolb, Raymond Stauffer, Philip West, Janet Drumheller, Patsy Frey, Carl Fisher, Stephen McNeely, Barbara Rhoads, Pauline Endy, Mildred Wright, Raymond Pettyjohn, Anita Renninger, Thelma Haddad, Patsy Tabor, Richard Landis, Barry Fisher, David Longacre, Robert Kulp, Frank-

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Church Choir Sings For Hospital Patients

A brass choir and members of the Senior choir of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, Boyertown, presented a program of Christmas music to patients in Pottstown hospital yesterday at 5:30 p. m. Members of the choir were John R. Sullivan, Lester Weiss, Harold Landis, Jacob A. Longacre, and David W. Longacre. Mrs. Harold B. Keim, director of music for the church, was in charge of arrangements.

MEETINGS

Annual Christmas party tonight at 6:30 o'clock by Rotary club in Boyer Towne inn. Performing will be Billy Dale, of Baltimore, circus clown, and "Starkie" of New York City, a whistling ventriloquist. Mark Campbell, chairman.

Rehearsal of Junior, Chapel and Senior choirs of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church tonight at 6:30 o'clock in the church.

Troop 3 Boy Scouts tonight at 7 o'clock in Church of the Good Shepherd, Evangelical and Reformed.

Camp 104 POS of A tonight at 7:30 o'clock in lodge room of Keystone Fire company.

YULE PARTY TONIGHT

The Christmas party sponsored by Boyertown YMCA movement for younger boys and girls of Boyertown and surrounding towns will be held tonight at 6:30 p. m. in the YMCA rooms on East Philadelphia avenue. Games will be played and refreshments served.

church, was in charge of arrangements.

DEATHS—FUNERALS

KATHERINE (PHAROAH) FOSTER, 72, wife of William D. Foster, BOYERTOWN RD 2, died yesterday afternoon in Memorial hospital. She was admitted Dec. 19 after a week's illness.

Born in Philadelphia, she moved to Boyertown RD 2, eight years ago when her husband retired as district engineer for the Philadelphia board of education.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Alfred G. Wenkenback, Philadelphia, two granddaughters and one great-grandson, also of Philadelphia.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete last night.

IOOF PARTY TONIGHT

Nearly 40 children of members of Boyertown Lodge 708, IOOF, will attend the lodge's annual Christmas party tonight at 7 o'clock in IOOF hall, East Philadelphia avenue. It was announced last night by Lawrence Fryer, chairman of the event.

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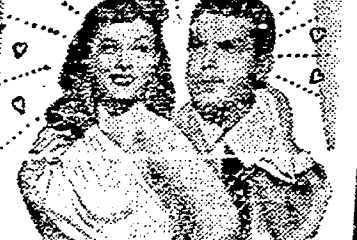
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St. Paul's, the Rev. Paul C. Scheirer, pastor. Wednesday, Christmas eve service with special music by the combined choirs of St. John's and St. Paul's Reformed churches, 11 p. m.
Zion's, the Rev. Howard A. Kosman, pastor. Today, Boy Scouts, 7:30 p. m. Tomorrow, Ladies' Aid society, 8 p. m. Wednesday, Junior choir, 7:45 p. m. Christmas eve candlelight service, 11 p. m.
St. Paul's, the Rev. Michael R. Schmidt, pastor. Thursday, dawn candlelight service, 6 a. m.
Trinity, the Rev. John B. Prantz, pastor. Today, Brownie Girl Scout Christmas party, 2 p. m. Tomorrow, Junior choir, 7 p. m. Senior and Chancel choir, 7:30 p. m. final rehearsal of Junior, Chancel and Senior choirs for Christmas service, 8 p. m. Thursday, dawn service, 6 a. m.
LUTHERAN
St. Peter's, the Rev. Kenneth B. Anderson, pastor. Today, Boy Scouts, 7 p. m. Boy Scouts, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Holy communion, 11:15 p. m.
St. John's, the Rev. Robert M. Lamparter, pastor. Wednesday, confession and holy communion, 7:30 p. m. Thursday, festival service, 6:30 a. m.
Emmanuel, the Rev. Luther A. Krouse, pastor. Today, Normal class Christmas party, 2 p. m. Wednesday, caroling by Junior, Descant and Boy's choirs, 1 p. m.; caroling at hospitals by Senior and Chancel choirs, 7 p. m.; caroling by Luther league members, 8 p. m. Thursday, Latin service, 6 a. m.
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Grace, the Rev. Asa S. Wohlson, pastor. Today, Brotherhood for decorating, 6:30 p. m.; Boy Scouts, 7:30 p. m. Tomorrow, Senior Bible class Christmas

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Second, the Rev. Heywood L. Butler, pastor. Today, Bible study, 8 p. m. Tomorrow, Senior choir, 8 p. m. Wednesday, Junior choir, 8 p. m. Thursday, mid-week service, 8 p. m.
OTHER CHURCHES
Assemblies of God Tabernacle, the Rev. Forrest T. Nelson, pastor. Wednesday, prayer meeting, 8 p. m., followed by a hymn sing by the young people of the church.
Christian Science, 910 High street. Wednesday, testimonies of Christian Science healing, 8 p. m.
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Awards were given to those who had a perfect attendance record for one year or more. Outstanding records were attained by Harry Knause, seven years; George Knause, 22 years, and Forrest Mock, 26 years.
Those participating in the program were the members of the church choir, Walter Price, cornet soloist; Betty Ellis, vocal soloist; Betty Focht, guitar soloist, and Justine Hess, pianist. Recitations were given by Judge Moser, Bonnie Kells, Judy Ziegler, Bonita Mock, Lorraine Bohner and Virginia Bohner.
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Twin-Borough Churches Begin Observance Of Yule Holiday With Special Services

The observance of Christmas in Twin-Borough churches began yesterday morning and last night, with appropriate services by the pastors, and programs and candle-light services in some instances.

Christmas programs were conducted in Royersford Baptist church and Royersford Brethren church yesterday morning, and in the Grace Lutheran, Trinity Evangelical Congregational and Reformed churches last night. Also last night the annual candlelight service was held in Spring City Methodist church, and the second annual carol sing and congregational Christmas party in Spring City Lutheran church. Royersford Methodist church had a candlelight service, and a White Gift and Sunday school Christmas pageant was conducted in Spring City First Evangelical and Reformed church.

Royersford First Evangelical and Reformed church presented its annual Christmas cantata yesterday afternoon, entitled "There Were Shepherds."

At 9 o'clock last night the annual carol sing sponsored by Royersford Council of Churches was held in Grace Lutheran church.

Royersford Methodist Children's Christmas program will be presented tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock.

Christmas eve at 11 p. m. a

Twin Boro Classified

- Deaths** 1
STEINMETZ - In Pottstown hospital on Sunday, Dec. 21, Joseph E. Steinmetz, 65, of Royersford, died in Pottstown hospital yesterday morning at 7:23 o'clock, following a brief illness, of a heart attack.
- He was born at Fruitville, son of the late Jacob and Sarah Steinmetz. A resident of Royersford since 1902, he formerly was associated with the Diamond Glass company as secretary of the firm, and later was engaged in business for a number of years. His last position was in the office of Krasley Bleach and Dye Works, Royersford.
- Mr. Steinmetz was a member of Royersford First Evangelical and Reformed church, the LOOM, Pottstown; KGE lodge, Royersford, and the local Humane and Friendship fire companies.
- Surviving are his wife, Martha (Tyson) Steinmetz; a daughter, Martha, wife of Samuel C. Leighton Jr., at home; a son, Merritt, 400 Walnut street, Royersford, and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Lightcap, Limerick, and Mrs. Mary Slotter, Kulpsville.
- Funeral services will be conducted in a funeral home at 600 Washington street Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in Fernwood cemetery.
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4 Children Injured In Two Car Accident

Four children were injured, none seriously, in an auto accident at the intersection of Church and New streets, Spring City, early Saturday night.

According to police, a coupe driven by Allen Boorse, 247 Main street, Royersford, and a sedan driven by Charles L. Barndt, 144 Bridge street, Spring City, crashed as the Barndt car started a left turn into Church street. Both cars were badly damaged and were towed away.

Barbara, 12, Miriam, 10, and Charles Barndt Jr., 7, who were riding with their father in the sedan, suffered bruises and scratches. All were treated by Dr. C. E. Moser, who sent Miriam to Phoenixville hospital for treatment of a laceration of the chin.

Riding with Mr. Boorse was his granddaughter, Bonnie Klinger, 7, Norristown, who was given first aid by Dr. Charles J. Brower.

Royersford Polio Victim Takes Steps After Year

JOHN FRANK ROYERSFORD JR., who a year ago was in a respirator in a hospital following an attack of infantile paralysis took her first steps at a recent YWCA Christmas party for Montgomery county infantile paralysis victims in Norristown.

Joan, a Royersford high school student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wike, 262 Washington street, was stricken in the Fall of 1946.

The Christmas party was given by the YWCA in Norristown for the benefit of the victims. Most of them boys and girls, but they ranged in ages from five to 35 years, all of whom have been aided by therapy and the Kennedy treatment. A program was presented, refreshments were served and Santa Claus arrived with gifts.

Overweight people are particularly subject to diabetes.

Trinity Church CE Plans Carol Program

The Christian Endeavor group of Royersford Trinity Evangelical Congregational church has arranged a program of Christmas music, to be amplified from the church tower on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

The program will include selections by the Bethany Trumpet quartet, Norristown; Mrs. John Bauer, soloist, and the church choir, Mrs. John Cattermole, organist, at the church.

Reader, will give "The Christmas Story."

DEATHS - FUNERALS

JOSEPH K. STEINMETZ, 65, 348 WASHINGTON STREET, ROYERSFORD, died in Pottstown hospital yesterday morning at 7:23 o'clock, following a brief illness, of a heart attack.

He was stricken early the past Thursday morning and was admitted to the hospital Thursday afternoon.

He was born at Fruitville, son of the late Jacob and Sarah Steinmetz. A resident of Royersford since 1902, he formerly was associated with the Diamond Glass company as secretary of the firm, and later was engaged in business for a number of years. His last position was in the office of Krasley Bleach and Dye Works, Royersford.

Mr. Steinmetz was a member of Royersford First Evangelical and Reformed church, the LOOM, Pottstown; KGE lodge, Royersford, and the local Humane and Friendship fire companies.

Surviving are his wife, Martha (Tyson) Steinmetz; a daughter, Martha, wife of Samuel C. Leighton Jr., at home; a son, Merritt, 400 Walnut street, Royersford, and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Lightcap, Limerick, and Mrs. Mary Slotter, Kulpsville.

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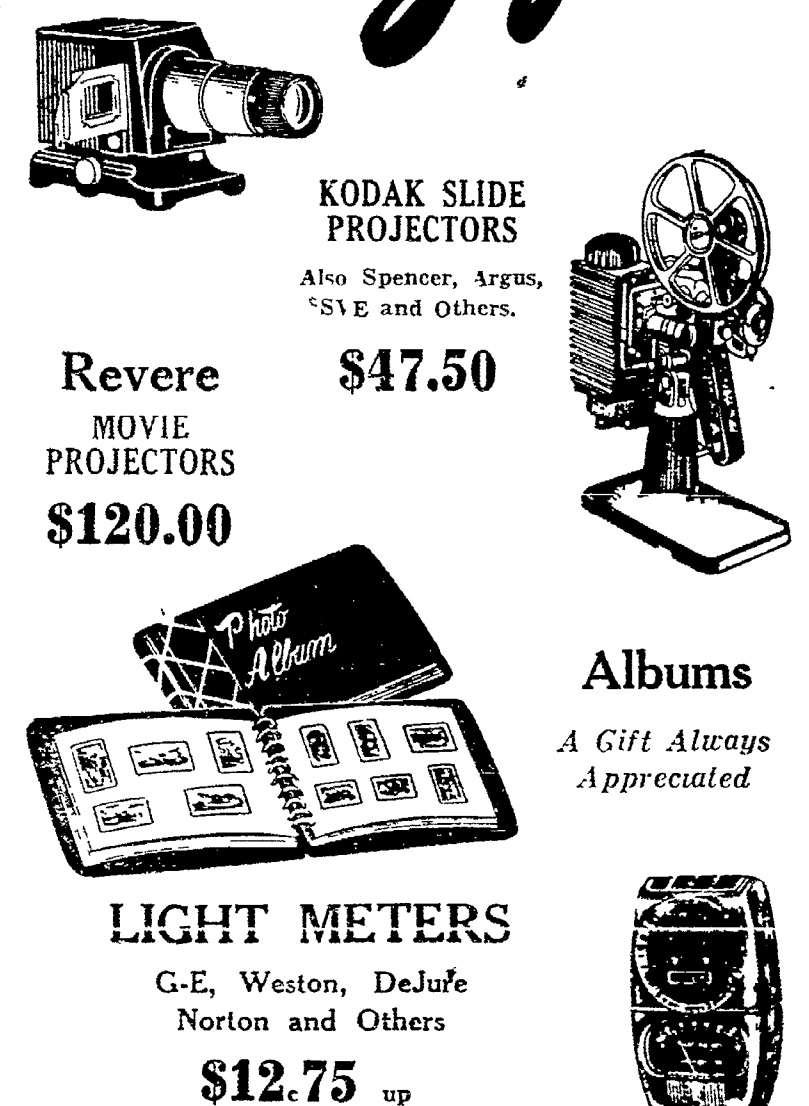
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Equally as successful and impressive was the second annual Christmas party given yesterday afternoon by Royersford Post 6341 Veterans of Foreign Wars post, to children of Veterans. The affair was held in the post house, with upwards of 100 juveniles attending.

Still another Christmas party has been scheduled for tomorrow night, when the American-Italian Bocce club will give its annual Yule party in the clubhouse on Pine Street.

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OBITUARIES

MARY AGNES (RAMSEY) USHER, 66, widow of Stephen J. Usher, who lived at 834 Queen street until she moved to BECHTELSTOWN RD 1 in November, died early Saturday morning in Pottstown hospital.

She had been in failing health for 15 years, and was admitted to the hospital after suffering her fourth stroke Monday.

A native of Philadelphia, she moved to Pottstown 22 years ago, and to 834 Queen street eight years ago, where she lived in an apartment above the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph C. Wilke.

She accompanied them to Bechtelsville RD 1, when they moved there early in November.

She was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic church and also was affiliated with St. Columbkills church, Boyertown. Before her illness she had been a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Pottstown, and an enthusiastic gardener.

The last of her immediate family, she is survived by two daughters, Dorothy, wife of Adolph C. Wilke, and Lillian, wife of Spencer Lesig, 128 Chestnut street; two sons, Paul T. Washington D. C., and Andrew L. Reading, and 10 grandchildren.

High requiem mass will be celebrated in St. Aloysius Catholic church Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Interment will be made in St. Aloysius New cemetery.

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In the firm squad, captained by William Wagner, were Robert Breidenbach, Joseph Barre tt, Paul Smith, Charles Hall, Harry Gunther, Joseph Suchoza, Charles Kelly and Robert Groff.

Color bearers were Joseph Kelly and LeRoy Koch. In the color guard were Richard Wilson and Hall.

ELMER E. SNELL, 85, husband of Elizabeth Snell, and former Pottstown resident, died yesterday afternoon in Montgomery County home, Black Rock, where he had been a guest for the past six weeks.

He had fractured his hip in a fall at his home 514 LINCOLN AVE. NCE, about six months ago. After a long period in the hospital, he was discharged, then he and his wife went to the home.

Mr. Snell had lived in Pottstown most of his life. He had been employed at the old Pottstown Iron company for many years, and later worked for the Pottstown Water company.

A member of Emmanuel Lutheran church, he also was a member of Pottstown Lodge 369, Loyal Order of Moose.

In addition to his wife he is survived by a son, Joseph E. Runneme, N. J.; a daughter, Mrs. Florence Reifsnnyder, Delanco, N. J.

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THREE PRIESTS SLAIN

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FERGUSON ASKS PAULEY SPEED TRADE RECORDS

Committee Chairman Wants Full Information On Market Speculation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) called on Edwin W. Pauley today to deliver the records covering his trading on commodity exchanges to the Senate appropriations committee "as soon as possible."

In a brief, pointed note, the Michigan senator reminded Pauley that he had agreed to hand over the data, in testimony before the committee Dec. 10. Ferguson is chairman of a special appropriations subcommittee inquiring into speculation on the commodity exchanges.

It especially wants to know whether "government insiders" profited from confidential information on government buying of commodities.

Pauley, a special assistant to Secretary of the Army Royall, testified that he held something "less than a million" dollars worth of wheat, corn, and other futures contracts when he took the Army post the past September. But he also told the committee that he had since disposed of all but 50,000 bushels of wheat futures, and had used no information that came to him in an official capacity.

Pauley agreed to hand over his records for inspection, provided other government officials, including members of Congress, were asked to do likewise.

This in turn, touched off a series of events which led to passage of a congressional resolution, which President Truman signed, authorizing Secretary of Agriculture Anderson to make public the names of all big traders on the commodity exchanges, together with information concerning their activities.

Senator Bridges (R-NH), chairman of the full appropriations committee, said that the lengthy list—some 14,000 names—probably will arrive at the Capitol at the end of this week, or the first of the next.

Ferguson told a reporter that since Anderson had been authorized to make public the names, he had been receiving a "remarkable number of tips," some anonymous, that government officials and other public officials had been speculating on the grain market.

"We certainly will follow up any that are worthwhile," he declared.

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Christmas Turkeys Destroyed; Two Fires Cause \$850,000 Loss

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 21 (P)—About 80 persons were made homeless and 40,000 pounds of Christmas turkeys were roasted to a crisp today in fires which swept two West Virginia cities and caused an estimated loss of \$850,000.

An apartment building housing 12 families and other buildings of a business block in Williamson, a coal mining center 90 miles southwest of here, were destroyed. Three men were injured and loss was estimated unofficially at \$350,000.

Many of those living in the apartment house, a former hotel, were brought down ladders by firemen. Three business establishments on the first floor of the building also were wiped out.

The turkeys were in the Charleston plant of Armour and company, where loss was estimated at \$500,000.

The Charleston fire broke out shortly before midnight in the two-story brick Armour warehouse. J. P. Nelson, manager, estimated the value of the building at \$300,000 and the contents at \$200,000.

Seven fire companies finally brought the fire under control at 1:30 a. m. but only the shell of the warehouse remained.

Firemen said the blaze was exceedingly hard to fight because of the inflammable nature of the building's contents—including a carload of lard.

Nelson said besides the turkeys and lard, the firm also lost a carload of corned beef and a large supply of hams, sausage and other meats.

In Williamson, a father and his two sons were hurt while trying to save Christmas merchandise from their department store, which was destroyed. They were 74-year-old J. M. Berman and his sons, Morris, 47, and Irwin, 42.

The Williamson fire also destroyed one other department store, the old four-story Williamson hotel, two restaurants, a chain grocery, three apartments, a rooming house and a watch repair shop.

Fire Chief Claude Stowers said the fire apparently started in the Kroger Grocery and Baking company store, jumped an alley and fanned out to the other buildings.

PAY BOOST ACCEPTED
BOSTON, Dec. 21 (P)—A wage agreement calling for a 10 percent salary increase and other benefits to workers in Northern cotton and rayon weaving mills was ratified today by 250 delegates representing 75,000 members of the Textile Workers of America, CIO.

The 100,000 residents of the Choco region of Colombia are predominantly descendants of Negro slaves imported by the Spaniards.

Judge Shells \$50 For Bad Driving

INVERNESS, Fla., Dec. 21 (P)—Seventy-eight-year-old Judge E. C. May has fined himself \$50 for reckless driving—although a State trooper refused to make a charge against him.

The Citrus county judge, who has held office 35 years, filed the charge against himself after losing control of his automobile on a road rutted road and hitting a tree.

He reported the crash to Corp. C. L. Blount. The latter decided the judge was blameless.

Not so, said the judge, and assessed his usual fine for reckless driving.

Pastor Hopes Santa Claus Can Spare New Roof

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21 (P)—The pastor of Bethel Baptist church and four parishioners formed a bucket brigade to put out a fire after 35 children attending a Christmas party had been led to safety from the building.

Remarked the Rev. William Parks after the roof fire was extinguished yesterday at a loss of \$1500:

"I hope Santa Claus can squeeze a new roof into my stocking this year."

95 LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (P)—The General Electric company said today it would supply Argentina with 95 diesel-electric locomotives within the next three years.

Marshall Lauded By French Minister

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 21 (P)—Georges Bidault, French foreign minister, hailed U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall as a "European-minded statesman" in a speech on "Europe's Future" tonight.

Under auspices of the Brussels Catholic conference, Bidault said, "The Marshall plan" is a spontaneous and noble endeavor of the American secretary of state and there is no European government which does not know that it is impossible for Europe to do without U. S. help.

French foreign minister said, is one of four main phases of Europe's problem today, the others being the future of Germany, the survival of Great Britain and the attitude of Russia.

On Russia, Bidault confined himself to quoting from the French philosopher Montesquieu:

"Russia seems to be more intent on frightening Europe than conquering it."

For part of each year 75 percent of the sheep and half the beef cattle of the United States are supported on 728 million acres of range lands in 17 western states.

Three Bandits Get \$100,000 in Gems

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (P)—Albert Zakin, 50-year-old partner in a Fifth avenue jewelry concern, told police that three bandits robbed him today of jewelry he valued at \$100,000.

Zakin, partner in the firm of L. Barton Brookov, Inc., said that the three men, two of them armed, followed him into the deserted lobby at the firm's office building at Fifth avenue and 48th street, seized three jewelry cases he was carrying and after tying him by the wrists to a banister with twine from the jewelry package.

The company maintains a fourth floor office in the building.

Zakin said the jewelry consisted of diamond rings, watches, bracelets and necklaces.

Zakin said he was returning the jewelry from Lakewood, N. J., where the firm had displayed the gems over the weekend at a concession in a Lakewood hotel.

After the bandits had bound him and departed, Zakin said he wriggled free and notified police.

MARYLAND MAYOR WEDS

FREDERICK, Md., Dec. 21 (P)—Frederick's 78-year-old mayor, Lloyd C. Culler, was married yesterday to Miss Julia Kefauver, Culler, in his seventh term as mayor, was married once previously, his wife dying more than ten years ago. The bride has been working as an assistant bacteriologist at an Army center here.

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Drop Racial Barriers In Education Field, Truman Group Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (P)—A campaign to erase school segregation laws from State statute books, and to write new laws preventing racial discrimination by colleges, was urged tonight by President Truman's commission on higher education.

It asked also that Congress provide \$135,000,000 in the next school year to start a program of Federal scholarships and fellowships to help more than 300,000 needy but qualified students complete college and graduate training.

Criticizing in detail "tacit or overt" methods used by some colleges to bar the entrance of Negro and Mexican students, the commission proposed that Federal appropriations be used only in "those institutions where discriminatory practices do not exist."

The attack on what it called the economic and racial "barriers to equality of educational ability" was proclaimed in the second volume of the 28-member commission's report prepared at the request of Mr. Truman.

In its first volume, issued at the White House a week ago, the commission headed by Dr. George F. Zook, president of the American Council on Education, advocated the doubling of college enrollments—to a total of at least 6,400,000 students—by 1960. It proposed free public schooling through the first two years of college.

Four members of the commission dissented sharply from the commission's stand on barring educational segregation of Negroes in the South. They charged that such pronouncements "impede progress and threaten tragedy to the people of the South, both white and Negro."

CHINESE REDS SCORE
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21 (P)—The Chinese Communist radio said today that Generals Chen Yi and Chen Keng had "destroyed" more than 100,000 Nationalist troops captured more than 20 Hunan towns in operations in central China in the week ending Dec. 19.

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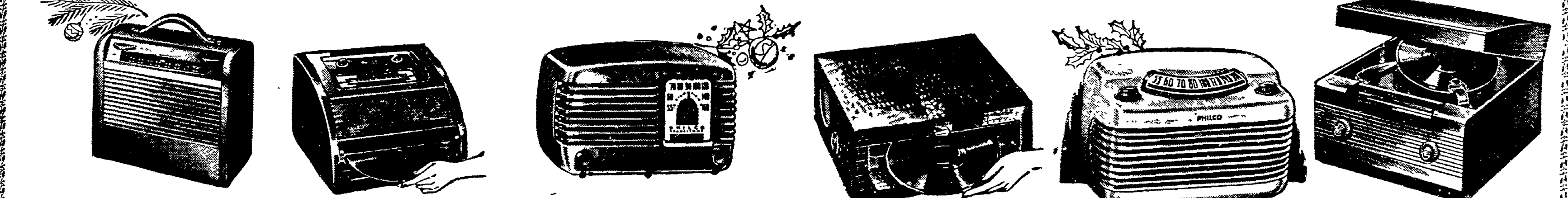
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Doe Club Stages Festive Dinner In Elks' Home

As approximately 300 persons enjoyed the formal Christmas dinner in the cabaret room of the Elks' home last night. Dinner music was played by Mr. Frank Kurtz, pianist.

The annual dinner was staged by the Doe club under the direction of Mrs. Irma Deinger, chairman; Mrs. Clarence Rose, hostess and Mrs. Marie Montague, co-hostess.

The festive atmosphere was added by the gaily decorated Christmas trees and appropriately colored tapers.

Gifts were presented to the officers by Mrs. Mabel High. The officers are: Mrs. Jean Sotter, president; Mrs. Nellie Koury vice president; Mrs. Mildred Kulp, recording secretary; Mrs. Miriam Reider, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Catherine Wolfe, treasurer.

The officers also were on the receiving line.

Following the floor show from New York, dancing was enjoyed to the music played by Ken Nichols and his orchestra.

Kenneth R. Yarger Weds Limerick Girl

Miss Helen Laura Ziegler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theres Ziegler, of Limerick, and Mr. Kenneth R. Yarger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yarger, of 223 Second avenue, Royersford, were united in marriage on Saturday afternoon in St. James Reformed church, Limerick.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. Ried Teitsworth, pastor.

The bride wore a light blue wool dress with blue accessories and a corsage of gardenias.

Miss Nancy N. Swartz and Mr. Robert Ziegler, brother of the bride, were the couple's only attendants.

Following a honeymoon trip to an undisclosed destination the couple will reside at the home of the bride.

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Admitted: Martin Dobbs, Spring City, surgical; Charles Medinger, 340 Lincoln avenue, medical; Karl Greasy, Pottstown RD 1, medical; Janet Terwilliger, 621 Water street, surgical; Dellah Reese, Lancaster, surgical; Inez Hurley, Embreeville, surgical; Annie Lightcap, Schwenkville RD 2, medical.

Discharged: Iola Christopher, 414 Lincoln avenue, surgical; Myrtle Geschwind, 1040 South street, surgical; Harry Mest, Boyertown, medical; Shirley Kirk, Pottstown RD 4, surgical; Doris Diffenderfer, 325 South Hanover street, surgical; Mrs. Mary Jean Bean, 258 East street, maternity; Mrs. Ruth Pinder, Stowe, maternity; Mary McDonald, 339 Chestnut street, maternity; Frances Maurer, 50 West Third street, medical; Mrs. Alma Heacock, Boyertown, maternity; Mrs. Jane Diffenderfer, 1613 High street, maternity; Mrs. Viola Grow, 950 North Charlotte street, maternity; John Kellus, Pottstown RD 4, medical; John Minnick, 388 North Charlotte street, surgical.

Admitted and discharged: Shirley Reese, Lancaster, surgical; David Siner, YMCA, surgical.

MEMORIAL
Admitted: Mrs. Hedwig Toepel, Royersford, surgical; Mrs. Helen Noecker, 111 Walnut street, maternity; Percy Clinger, Lewistown, medical.

Discharged: Mrs. Mildred Maule, Hilldale, maternity; Mrs. Ida Gaugler, 15 Walnut street, maternity; Frank Schmitz, 72 South Keim street, surgical; Mrs. Eleanor Neuman, 523 King street, maternity; Mrs. Florence Filby, Pottstown RD 3, maternity; Mrs. Anna Derhard, Boyertown, surgical; John Nestorick Jr., Glen Moore.

Admitted and discharged: David Siner, YMCA, surgical; Harry Heimbach, Boyertown, medical; Mrs. Anna Sisko, Philadelphia, surgical.

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Social Calendar

Paraterra 1400—Meeting tonight at the home of Warren Mauger, Parkerford. Gifts will be exchanged.

Kemilworth PTA—Christmas party this afternoon at 1 o'clock for the school children.

Searles Methodist guild—Meeting tonight at 7:45 o'clock at the home of the Rev. James Matchette, of 1115 Bellevue avenue, for a Christmas party.

Ladies auxiliary of Sanatoga fire company—Meeting tonight for a Christmas party in the firehouse.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

Today
Don Skean son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Skean, 143 Beech street.

Emma Louise Lightcap, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lightcap, North Keim street.

Betty Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Leroy Johnson, 1381 Queen street.

Robert Neiffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Neiffer, 666 Walnut street.

Robert McElroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus McElroy, 350 Lincoln avenue.

William C. Albright, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. William Albright, 943 Queen street.

Patricia Ann Heath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Heath, 53 Edgewood street.

Ruth Borneman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Borneman, Royersford RD 1.

Harry Shumhouse, 528 Chestnut street, aged 85 years.

Richard Schaeffer, Pine Forge, aged six years.

Fire Company Auxiliary Holds Christmas Meeting

Elections were held at a recent Christmas meeting of the Ladies' auxiliary of the Philadelphia Steam Fire Engine company in the firehouse.

Officers elected were Mrs. Gladys Fegley, president; Mrs. Pearl Stuflet, first vice president; Mrs. Anna Mauger, second vice president; Mrs. Catharine Callars, secretary, and Mrs. Florence Leisi, Mrs. Florence Egolf and Mrs. Alice Stoenfater, trustees.

A turkey supper was served on a table which had as its centerpiece a large Christmas tree.

Entertainment was provided by the Manthorne Players, who presented a minstrel show. Mrs. Ruth Ulrich was in charge of the entertainment committee.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 30 in the firehouse.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Noecker, 111 Walnut street, announce the birth of a son yesterday in Memorial hospital.

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Woman's Page CLUB NEWS

Linfield Community Christmas Party To Be Held Tonight

Children of the Linfield community are invited to attend the Community Christmas party tonight on the front lawn at the home of Mr. Garret Brownback, Linfield.

Santa Claus will be present to distribute candy and oranges. The Christmas tree lights will be at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Earl Harner is in charge of the arrangements and Mr. John Berkey is in charge of the lighting equipment.

There will also be a group singing of Christmas carols.

Nuptial Rites Performed In Bechtelsville Home

Miss Gladys Elaine Erb and Mr. Ernest Kratz Moyer were united in marriage at the home of the bride on Saturday afternoon by the Rev. Melvin Kurtz.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Erb, of Gilbertsville, and Mr. Moyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moyer, Frankonia.

Relatives and immediate friends of the families attended the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a green wool suit with black accessories and a white orchid corsage.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swartley attended the couple. Mrs. Swartley was attired in a brown suit with matching accessories and a corsage of yellow roses.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride.

The couple is residing at the home of the bridegroom.

Shirley Eagle Becomes Bride in Elkton, Md.

Miss Shirley Eagle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Eagle, of 382 North Evans Street, became the bride of Mr. Alfred Mittnacht, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fenlon, of Phoenixville, recently, in Elkton, Md.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Percy Lambert.

Wearing a green wool suit with brown and white accessories and a corsage of white carnations, the bride chose her brother, Leroy Eagle Jr., as the only attendant.

The bridegroom was employed as a carpenter at the Valley Forge General hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Mittnacht are residing at the home of the bride.

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PERSONALS

Phyllis Anne Pickard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Ernest Pickard, Prospect and Spruce streets, arrived in Pottstown Friday night to spend the holidays with her family. She is a junior at Morningside college, Sioux City, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Walker, of Collingdale, visited the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Kinckner, 134 Beech street, over the weekend.

Nursery Department Teachers Stage Children's Party

The nursery department of St. James Evangelical and Lutheran church held a Christmas party on Saturday afternoon under the direction of Mrs. Harry H. Cummins and Mrs. Edward Morrell, teachers.

Santa Claus was present and gave each child a gift.

Following the recitations and songs by the children, refreshments were served.

Children present were Christopher Brown, Betty and Sally Marquer, Kay, Billy and Alan Kummerer, Kathleen Slavick, Beverly Bruner, Maralyn Maraffie, Richard Lengel, Kathleen Zink, Gail Harp, George and Peter Mercer, Raymond Kerpfer, Richard Kling Jr., Kenneth and Richard Weiler, Carolyn Shadler, Eric Zirkel, Terry and Carol Ann Skean and Diane and Sandra Saylor.

Also Richard Kramer, Mary Esther Schoenly, Rose Marie Tolan, Duane Moyer and Patty Nettles.

Among the adults present were Miss Doris Roberts, Mrs. William Zink, Mr. and Mrs. William Kummerer Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Kummerer Sr., Mrs. C. Allyn Brown Jr., Mrs. C. Allyn Brown Sr., Mrs. Clarence Orr, Mrs. Douglas Weller, Mrs. Fred Nettles, Mr. and Mrs. Richard King, Mrs. Ruth Kramer, Mrs. Anna Skean, Mrs. Carroll Harp, Mrs. Kenneth Hettrick, Mrs. David Schoenly and Mrs. Alfred Marquer.

Schwenk-Faust Nuptials Performed in Green Lane

Miss Dorothy M. Faust, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Faust, Perkiomenville RD, was united in marriage to Mr. Howard E. Schwenk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schwenk, Perkiomenville RD, on Saturday in the parsonage of the Rev. Charles Brown, Green Lane, who performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a white satin gown featuring a sweetheart neckline trimmed with lace, and a small train. Her three-quarter length veil fell from a crown of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of roses.

Miss Maggie Kulp, maid of honor and only attendant, was gown in pink and carried a bouquet of yellow roses.

Duties of best man were performed by Mr. Adam Schwenk.

Following the ceremony a supper was held for the bridal party at the home of the bride.

The couple will reside at the home of the bride.

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BEATRICE FAIRFAX'S Advice to the Lovelorn A Step-Mother's Difficulties

IT TAKES a lot of wisdom to be a successful step-mother. And even wisdom itself cannot always guarantee success. For there are boys and girls, as well as young men and young women, who resent a stepmother so bitterly that the greatest effort in the world will not enable her to overcome their antagonism.

It hardly seems possible, however, that any woman of intelligence should not be able to win over an eight-year-old child. Yet one step-mother with a child that age, tells me that she is almost ready to give up trying.

"I have a little boy of my own, two years old," she writes, "and I have a step-daughter, eight years old, who has been with me for the last nine months. Since she has been in our family, everything has changed, for she does everything she can to make me miserable because I am not her mother. I have tried every possible way to get along with her, but she won't pay any attention to me. I have tried to talk it over with her father, but he won't take it seriously. He is ten years older than I am and he drives me crazy with his jealousy. Sometimes I feel like running away from it all. Please tell me what I can do."

Now any child who is not an incorrigible, nor abnormal in some way, will, sooner or later, respond to affection. Even though this woman's husband does nothing to help the situation, so long as he does not actively hinder it I believe she can yet win the youngster over. The chances are that the child has been badly upset in many different ways by the break-up of her home following her own mother's death, and that it will perhaps take a long time to restore to her that feeling of security she has lost. Perhaps, since her mother's death, there has been no one to give her the love she needs. Instead, she may have been allowed to run wild, with little supervision or loving care.

If this new mother lets the child feel that she is baffled by her, and does not know how to handle her, it is only going to increase the youngster's insecurity and instability. The step-mother should not try to make the little girl feel that she must accept her immediately as a second mother. Such an attempt could only result, as it probably has already, in making the child look upon her as an intruder. It would be better if she were simply to say definitely that she knows she can never take the child's own mother's place, and try to get across to the step-daughter that all she wants is a chance to be friends. She is far more likely to be successful if she takes things slowly and does not ask too much of the child all at once. If, she could pretend for awhile that the child belonged to someone else and was just making her a visit, and that, during that visit, she wanted to give the child as happy a time as possible, it might change the whole picture. Certainly it would be worth trying.

As for the husband's jealousy of his second wife, who is probably much younger than his first, that is an entirely different matter and a separate problem all by itself. I would have to have more details about it before I could attempt to express an opinion.

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KIDDIES PARTIES —

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events of the kind in the history of the local organization. Preceding the presentation of gifts an entertainment program was given with Dr. Louis Markowitz as master of ceremonies. The Jacobs children, Georgeann, Bonnie, George and Claudette, were heard in a medley of songs. Acrobatic solos were presented by Joseph Fry and Richard Bartman. Dine and Porkie Shure were seen in acrobatic dances. Kenneth Fryer was piano accompanist. Songs and recitations were given by volunteer performers from the large audience and each was given a gift. Christmas carols were sung by the assemblage. The committee on arrangements consisted of Martin Fredman, William A. Lessig Sr., William A. Lessig Jr., Harold Warner, Arthur Rosenolt, Edward Gorman, Richard Kaus, Harry Davis, Jacob Buckwalter, William Neuman, Brooke Fosnacht and Joseph Miller.

Father Bally Council 1192, Knights of Columbus, entertained 100 youngsters at a Christmas party yesterday afternoon in the council chambers at High and Hanover streets.

An hour-long showing of cartoons and Christmas movies preceded the presentation of gifts to the boys and girls. All received candy, and in addition, presents ranging from dolls to airplane modeling kits were distributed depending on the age of the children.

Paul K. Marehek led both the children and the 40 Knights and their wives in Christmas carols, while Arthur S. Pickar accompanied on the piano.

Albert F. Beithold was chairman of the arrangements committee for the party. Working with him were Dominick Palladino, Edwin J. Schworer and Auxiliary members Stephen J. Vagasky, Mrs. Harry Brown and Mrs. Marehek. John G. Katona was in charge of the motion picture projector.

A cartoon moving picture show of two-and-a-half hours duration featured a Christmas party held Saturday afternoon in the Senior High school auditorium by the Philadelphia Steam Fire Engine company for children of members. Candy, oranges and pretzels were given 390 children.

Ralph E. Malsberger impersonated Santa Claus so realistically that he was given a kiss by a little girl when he presented gifts. The

event, which was the first annual affair of the kind in the history of the company, was in charge of the following: Leonard Mauger, Henry Reinbauer, Curtis Myers, Chester S. ... and Chief ... of the house committee, assisted by Company Chief Victor Fegley.

Approximately 160 children received gifts from Santa Claus Saturday afternoon at the Brookside Country club where a children's Christmas party was held. Entertainment also was provided by a magician, cartoonist and impromptu solos by the children.

Mrs. Harry Schurr, Mrs. Joseph E. Tagert and Mrs. Kenneth Moyer, of the junior activities committee helped Santa to distribute the gifts. Evergreens, silver acorns and red candles with a brightly decorated Christmas tree added to the festivity.

Mrs. J. Robert Gray, general chairman of junior activities committee served refreshments aided by Mrs. Curtis Lafayette.

The children sang Christmas carols under the direction of Elwood Schmeiser and Kenneth Nicols.

NANCY'S FUND —

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The Mercury they will get in their contribution before Christmas.

Persons who haven't made their donations and still want to may send their contributions to The Mercury, or bring them into The Mercury office. All donations will be acknowledged by publication in The Mercury.

"Four Baltimoreans," who sent in a donation from the Maryland city, said: "We in Baltimore have eagerly followed Nancy's story and the growth of the fund to help make her Christmas a happy one. We hope our check will help to ease her trouble. We'll be watching every day to see the fund go into a total enough to pay next year's expenses! Best of luck for a Happy New Year as well as a merry Christmas."

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INDIAN STUDENT —

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been made to work out the problem of the maximum nutrition to be derived from a minimum amount of food."

Such a problem is one of the most pressing in the huge sub-continent, where widespread famines are recurrent, and where the average peasant, scratching his plot of ground with a stick, centuries behind modern agricultural methods has rarely enough for himself and his family.

Her desire to work in a hospital stems from a family tradition, for the young woman's father is chief surgeon of a Lahore hospital, and her mother has spent much of her life in hospital work.

The pressing need of sufficient food in India was a topic frequently mentioned by Miss Bharucha in her interview yesterday, and she discussed in detail the Bengal famine of 1945, during which, and during the severe winter that followed, literally countless lives were lost.

"There was no real lack of food," she pointed out, "but the British allowed profiteering and black marketing, so that while millions of people, about two-thirds of the province, were starving, a few men were becoming rich while the food piled up in their storehouses."

Not only was the population more than decimated by the famine itself, she explained, but the people were left weakened, unable to resist disease and the rigors of the unusually harsh winter that followed.

Such outbreaks of famine are unnecessary, Miss Bharucha believes, as she discussed the vast, untapped natural resources of the land which, if developed, could bring a better life to the people, and if manufactured products were made available to an educated population.

"The potentialities are terrific for industry," the dark-haired,

dark-eyed student said eagerly, leaning forward in her chair as she discussed with enthusiasm the possibilities of her land.

"If India and Pakistan will work together, a wonderful job can be done by combining the industrial facilities in one with the resources in the other."

She was optimistic about the future of her land, and seemed to have little doubt that, once the emotional outbreaks, the result of aroused religious differences, were calmed, the peoples of the sub-continent could work co-operatively.

Turning from the problems that face her newly-liberated homeland to more personal issues, Miss Bharucha described herself as a Parsi. This relatively small group consists of descendants of Persian adherents of the Zoroastrian religion who fled Persia centuries ago after Mohammedan persecution.

They settled at first in the Bombay area where many of them live today, some of them prominent in the life of India. Although Miss Bharucha's family lives in Lahore, she expects them to move to Bombay, since many of their friends and relatives have been killed in the recent rioting or have fled to safer areas.

Her three-year course of study at Cornell marks her second visit to this country. The first was in 1935 when her father came here to study hospitals.

At that time, the Bharuchas spent three weeks on a ship, but the past autumn she arrived in 36 hours from Karachi, in a route that included Damascus, Istanbul, London and New York.

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home, where the Christians, a tiny minority in India, celebrate Yuletide much as the Americans do.

"The food shortage cuts down the ..."

Family gatherings, elaborate parties, suppers served buffet style, and the giving of presents mark the Christmas season in her part of the world, except that while Christmas is celebrated all in one day here, in the Punjab, at least, Christians celebrate with a ten-day round of entertainment.

"The government sent me here to study," Miss Bharucha remarked at one point in the conversation.

"The Indian government?" she was asked.

And, in the British accent that overlays her gentle fluent manner of speaking, the graceful young woman replied with a hint of pique: "Oh, rather!"

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Freese Family Fetes Anniversaries at Dinner

The 20th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Freese, of 938 South Hills boulevard, was celebrated at a dinner last night at the Blossom restaurant.

Also celebrated were the birthday anniversaries of the couple's son, Stanley and granddaughter, Jeanne Louise.

A three tier cake decorated the center of the table along with candles and holy.

Other members of the family present were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Freese, Mr. and Mrs. Newman Creswell and sons, Jackie and Tommy, and Mrs. Stanley Freese.

In 1939, U. S. per capita consumption of wheat flour was only about three-fourths as great as the average in the year 1900-19.

ITALIAN STRIKE —

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strike after deadlocking with employers over demands for more pay. The journalists of central and southern Italy again renewed their strike threat.

At Florence, where workers occupied a shoe factory the past week to protest layoffs, two garment factories were taken over for the same purpose.

The dodo bird gets its name from the Portuguese "quodo," "simpleton."

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Eagles Down Steelers for Title

PHILADELPHIANS COP 21-0 GAME BEFORE 35,729

Meet Cards in Playoff; Tommy Thompson Passes For Two Touchdowns

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 21 (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles won the National football league's Eastern division title by walloping the Pittsburgh Steelers, 21-0, before 35,729 half-frozen fans today and a brilliant performance by quarterback Tommy Thompson made their play-off victory appear ridiculously simple.

The Eagles' clear-cut triumph put them into the league championship finals against the Chicago Cardinals in Chicago next Sunday.

Thompson unveiled what was probably his greatest game in six years as a professional by completing 11 of 17 passes for 131 yards, including the first two Philadelphia touchdowns.

Thompson guaranteed Eagle Coach Eale (Greasy) Neale a pleasant Christmas with 13:19 of the first period gone by hitting halfback Sie-e Van Buren with a spot pass in the flat. Van Buren took the ball on the Steeler 15 and galloped unopposed for the touchdown.

End Pete Pihos set up this score by blocking Bob Cifers' punt, giving the Eagles possession on the Pittsburgh 14 where the ball rolled out of bounds. Thompson's touchdown pass came on third down after two line plays ended in a net loss of one yard.

Thompson was on the scoring target again in 6:32 of the second quarter with a toss to end Jack Ferrante. The Eagle end made the catch on the Steeler 20 and ran untouched for the touchdown. This score climaxed a 69-yard drive, set in motion by a nine-yard Tommy Thompson pass to Russ Craft which gained 15 more as the Steelers were penalized for roughness on the play.

Both Pritchard quashed whatever hopes the partisan crowd may have had by scooping in a Cifers punt on his own 21 in the third period and running 79 yards for a touchdown. Pritchard made the catch midway between the sidelines, darted to his right and was put into the clear by a beautiful block by Ben Kish. He had a green-shirted escort the remainder of the way.

The Steelers were virtually helpless until the third period when a drive from their own 34 carried to the Philadelphia nine where it ended one yard short of a first down. The closer Pittsburgh came in the first half was the Philadelphia 45, their only penetration of Eagle territory in that time.

Thompson's field generalship was well-nigh flawless. He used Van Buren, Joe Muha and Pritchard to flay the Steelers between the tackles and when Pittsburgh attempted to close up, Tommy turned on his aerial offensive which made Pittsburgh almost helpless.

The Eagles had a scoring chance the first time they laid hands on the ball in the first period, driving from their 37 to the Pittsburgh 20 before the bid fizzled in a fourth down incomplection of a fake field goal attempt in which Al Sherman flipped the ball.

The blocked punt by Pihos put the Eagles on the road to victory a minute later.

By winning, the Eagles gained their first Eastern division title, defeating a team which was also in a playoff for the first time. The Eagles and Steelers were forced into a divisional playoff when each ended the regular season with eight wins.

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Britain's Best



Winner of the British amateur figure skating championship at Wembley stadium, Jeannette Altwegge of London gains the right to represent Britain in the winter olympics at St. Moritz in January.

Reports Have Steelers Trying For Fenimore

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 21 (P)—The Pittsburgh Steelers, working behind a screen of official secrecy, today were reported working on a deal which would bring Bob Fenimore here from the Chicago Bears in exchange for the Steelers' draft rights to Bobby Layne, Texas star.

Although both Chicago and Pittsburgh managements declined comment on the reported deal it was learned reliably that a straight trade was in the offing, prompted by Layne's expressed preference of the "T" system as employed by the Bears. The Steelers under Dr. Jock Sutherland use the single-wing.

Both the Bears and the Steelers were vehement enough in denying that any trade being cooked involved Johnny Lujack, Notre Dame star for whom the Bears possess National football league draft rights. They were equally certain that Doc Blanchard, West Point star now on active Army duty, was not involved.

The Layne-Fenimore trade talk arose from the National's draft meeting here this weekend. The Steelers declined to announce their choice but a process of elimination put Layne on their roster as first choice.

The Steeler's contacted Layne by telephone and learned that he wanted to play the "T" with which he has been familiar since high school days.

and four losses. Statistics favored the Eagles all the way, in first downs, 17 to seven, in net yards rushing, 124 to 102 and in passing, 131 to 52. The Steelers could take some small consolation from Johnny Clement's triumph in an individual yard gaining duel with Van Buren, who set a new league record in regular season play.

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Trojan Cagers Improving Faster Than Expected, Says Coach After Lancaster Tilt

"Lancaster's rough all over the floor passing defense was a good experience for the Trojans," declared Coach Ed Good last night as he commented about Friday night's game in which Pottstown handed Lancaster a 44-34 defeat at the local basketball palestra.

PHOENIX MOOSE TOPS ENGINEERS BY 54-43 SCORE

Roth's Score Easy
54-18 Victory in First Game of Doubleheader

The Pottstown-Tool and Engineering company basketball team dropped a 54-43 decision to the Phoenixville Moose last night in an exhibition game played at Phoenixville. The game was the main event of a doubleheader at the Phoenixville armory.

In the first game, Roth's quintet of Pottstown had an easy time disposing of Battery B by a 54-18 score. Henry Stofko and Doug Breidenbach led Roth's with 23 points between them. Stofko tabbed 13 and Breidenbach collected 10.

John Baker, of the Engineers, took scoring honors in the nightcap by hitting the cords for 11 markers on four field goals and three fouls.

Roth's		Battery B	
Bredbach, f	5	0	10
Tascione, f	1	1	3
Fout, f	1	0	2
Trotter, c	3	3	9
Kovach, c	2	1	5
High, g	2	0	4
Strom, g	0	0	8
Stofko, g	6	1	13
Burt, g	0	0	1
McGinnis, g	0	0	1
Totals	24	6	54
Roth's	10	18	20-54
Battery B	10	3	4-18
Referee	Stofko	Timer	Stone

Engineers — Phoenix Moose
Ellicker, f 2 1 0 3 Bogus, f 4 2 10
Brehm, f 1 0 0 5 Ger, f 2 0 1
Baker, c 3 1 1 3 Dwyer, f 3 0 3
Bernhart, f 1 0 2 1 Vojcik, f 2 2 6
Mishler, c 4 1 1 3 Stephens, c 7 3 15
Stolar, c 2 3 6 Alamashi, c 2 1 5
Fields, g 0 0 0 J. Ger, f 4 1 9
Kovach, g 3 2 8 Magyar, g 1 0 2
Weber, g 1 0 2

Totals		Phoenix Moose	
Engineers	17	9	43
Phoenix	12	16	54
Referee	Stofko	Timer	Stone

LIONS BOWL BOUND
ALTOONA, Dec. 21 (P)—Led by Coach Bob Higgins, the Penn State football team boarded a fast Pennsylvania railroad train tonight for its trip to Dallas, Texas, where it will meet Southern Methodist New Year's Day in the Cotton Bowl.

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CAGE TOURNEY OPENS TONIGHT AT LOCAL YMCA

Only Six Teams Entered In Second Annual Affair; Prizes Await Winners

Jerry Seeders, chairman of the YMCA-Christmas Basketball tournament committee, expressed his disappointment of having only six teams entered in the tourney this year, but he announced last night that the annual event will start tonight as originally planned.

Only three games will be played this week to determine the two teams which will battle for the tournament title on the YMCA court Dec. 30. One game is scheduled for tonight and two games are on tap for tomorrow night.

Of the six teams in the contest, three are Pottstown quintets and the other three are from communities in the surrounding area. The Pottstown teams entered are the Pottstown Tool and Engineering company five, Maria Assunta, AC and Roth's. The other teams in the tourney are the Central hotel team of Spring City, Boyertown VFW and Phoenixville Moose.

In the tournament opener tonight, the Pottstown Tool and Engineering company cagers will battle Maria Assunta. The game is scheduled to get underway at 7:45 o'clock on the YMCA court.

In a first round game tomorrow night, the Central hotel of Spring City will meet Roth's. That game will also start at 7:45 o'clock.

The Phoenixville Moose and the Boyertown VFW drew byes in the first round, but these two quintets will battle in a second round contest tomorrow night at 9 o'clock.

The winner of the Phoenixville-Boyertown fray will move into the championship round Dec. 30 meeting the survivor of the other bracket. The members of the championship team and all players on the runner-up will receive prizes. Trophies will be awarded to members of an All-Tournament team which will be picked by the tournament committee. A trophy will also be awarded to the outstanding player in the tournament.

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REFEREE DENIES ILLEGAL PUNCH BY ROBINSON

Chuck Taylor's Manager To Protest Bout to Boxing Commission

DETROIT, Dec. 21 (P)—Jack Laken, manager of fighter Chuck Taylor, Coalport, Pa., Irishman, charged that illegal punching by welterweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson caused a kidney injury that hospitalized the challenger for 12 hours after their title fight Friday night but Referee Johnny Weber denied it.

Laken said upon Taylor's release from Woman's hospital Saturday he would protest to the Michigan Boxing commission. He accused Weber of ignoring several illegal kidney punches and low blows by Robinson, who defended his title successfully by scoring a KO in the sixth round of a scheduled 15-rounder.

Weber, Laken said, also ignored head butting by Tony Pellone in the latter's bout with Taylor in the same ring the past April.

Taylor suffered the injury to his left kidney in the second round, his manager said, adding that the injury, although not permanent, would force Taylor to spend several days in bed, after he returns to his home and also cause a postponement of his Jan. 14 date with Chuck Fusari in Miami Beach, Fla.

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Seeders Adds Seven Players To Alumni Basketball Team

BASKETBALL SCORES

The Alumni coach named five of his players the past week, and last night the former University of Pennsylvania cager named the other seven players. Of the seven named last night, six are playing college basketball.

Three of the college players are at Lock Haven State Teachers college. Elwood Schaeffer, the lad who tabbed 16 points for Lock Haven the past week; Bus Shaner and George Mitro are scheduled to be on one team playing against Coach Ed Good's cagers Friday night at the Pottstown Junior High palestra in the ABC benefit game for Memorial park.

The other players named to the team were Bobby Marz, showing his wares at PMO, Jack Longaker, of Lafayette, and Bobby Russell, of Stanton Military school.

The seventh man named last night was Jack Kurtz, now starring for the Pottstown Amvets in the City Basketball league. Kurtz played for Pottstown High a few years ago.

Seeders said last night he would like to get at least one practice in before the game, but he doubted very much whether the boys at school could get home in time for a workout. The Alumni mentor didn't make a statement about his team captain or what five boys would start against the Trojans.

The five players Seeders named the past week are Ed Kovach, Claude "Deacon" Reinhart, Herbie Drumheller, Chuck Klaus and Harold Shaner.

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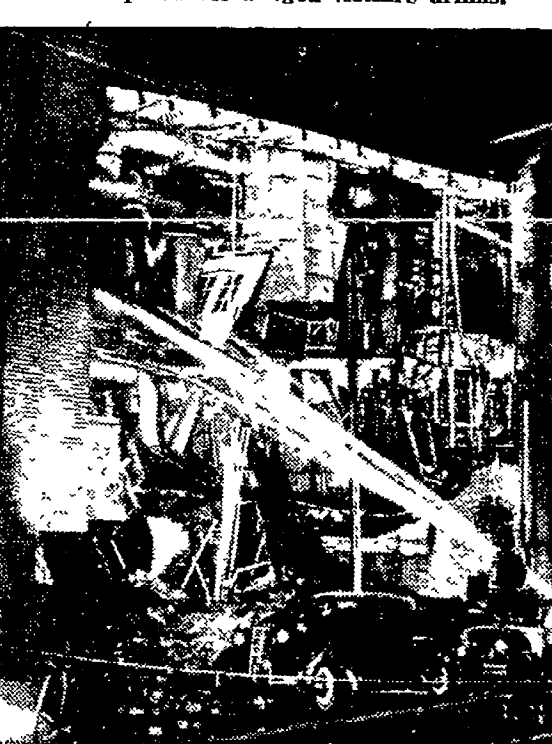
COMING BACK from a trial ski run in the hills around Great Barrington, Mass., are (left to right) Pat Bardin, Jack Ostrom, Frank Knobel and Connie Graham. The young college students were participants in the "Winter wonderland" carnival of the Berkshire Hills School of Arts and Sciences.

A black and white photograph showing three young children standing in a row, looking at a large, ornate, light-colored wooden cabinet or piano. The child on the left is a girl with dark hair, wearing a light-colored dress with a dark pattern. The child in the middle is a girl with dark hair, wearing a light-colored dress with a dark pattern. The child on the right is a boy with dark hair, wearing a striped shirt and dark pants. The cabinet has a decorative top and a large, ornate front panel. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

LOOKING AT A BREADBOX containing a lone potato, Marie, Eleanor and Jimmy McGinley wonder what Santa Claus has in store for them. According to their grandmother, Mrs. Sara McGinley, the trio and their sister, Barbara, pray each night in their Brooklyn home for the return of the parents who deserted them in 1944. Her meager income, says the grandmother, makes it impossible to buy a tree or toys.



NABBED BY CHICAGO DETECTIVES who accused her of "stripping" a male companion of \$1000, Mary Martineau, a cafe "strip" dancer, fights to free herself from their grip. According to the complaint, the entertainer put knock-out drops in her alleged victim's drinks.



HIS VIEW of the shattered two-story brick building at the rawling Celanese Plastics corporation plant in Newark, N. J., shows part of the damage wrought by a violent explosion inside the structure. The blast sent 12 workmen to a nearby hospital. Two were critically burned. The cause of the blast was not immediately apparent.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice 7-A

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RESIDENTS in the Rome, N. Y., area were startled by the sight of these "jellyrolls" scattered over open fields. The ingredients, according to weather experts, are fluffy snow, moist air and strong winds. The largest measured about three feet in length.

IT WAS four of a kind when the two pairs of twins in the Minneapolis home of Joseph Williams all had their tonsils out the same day. Here they are recuperating, (left to right) David and Douglas, 3½ and Joanne and Judith, 5.



A statue to Balto and other heroic sled dogs who carried serum to Nome, Alaska, through an Arctic blizzard is mantled with snow in Central Park, New York.

THROUGH THE ICY WATERS of a stream at McConnells Mills, Patrick to safety—and thereby hangs a tale. In company with the iced over stream to make some Winter pictures. The trio set ready to start snapping when the ice gave way. Patrick went to rescue while Matsko grabbed the camera. He clicked the shutter dramatic photo above of the almost fatal

A black and white photograph of a young girl, Joan, standing next to a horse. She is wearing a dark, wide-brimmed hat and a light-colored jacket. The horse is dark-colored and has a white blaze on its face. The background is dark and indistinct.

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until 5 P. M. Consisting of
furniture, glass, china, pottery,
some old papers, stamps, tape
bells, colonial and confederate
copper coins, old watches, pic-
tures, prints, pictures, frescoes,
valued watercolor sets - Victorian
and 40's frames, carpets, rugs, rug
mats, linens, etc.

Conducted by
HENRY H. STULTZFUSS

Legal Notices

PUBLIC SALE

On Dec. 27, 1947, at 1 o'clock
P. M. will be the public sale of the
estate of **LYMAN H. B. Rhoads**,
deceased, in Gubersville, Monro-
gomery County, Pa., on State
Highway 220, near the bridge
will be offered for public sale

The following parcels of real estate are being offered for sale by public auction at the residence of the undersigned, to-wit: the premises described in the foregoing instrument, and miscellaneous items belonging to said decedent.

Real estate: Purport No. 1. The Grange Hall located in New Hanover Township, Mfg. Co., N.C., consisting of two story frame building on late 132 feet frontage on State Highway No. 73, having an area of 13490 sq. ft.

Purport No. 2. Two story frame building in Gilbertville, Douglas County, N.C., containing less than one acre, situated to the north and adjacent to the home of the decedent, having frontage of approximately 88 feet.

Purport No. 3. Two story brick house (hall) located on State Highway No. 73, on lot with 26 feet 3 inch frontage, 100 feet deep, Mfg. Co., N.C.

Purport No. 4. Two storied stucco single dwelling house on lot with irregular frontage, in Gilbertville, Montgomery Co., Pa., on lot approximately 65 feet wide and 100 feet deep.

Purport No. 5. Lot cornering

lying between purparts Nos. 3 and 4 along State Highway No. 73, having a frontage of approximately 66 feet and a depth of approximately 600 feet.

Purpart No. 7. Tract of wood land, 2 Acres 144 Perches in Earl Township, Berks County, Pa.

Purpart No. 8. Tract of wood land, 4 acres 2 Perches in Earl Township, Berks County, Pa.

Purpart No. 9. Tract of wood land, 149 Perches in Earl Township, Berks County, Pa.

Securities: 1185 shares of stock

of Boyertown Burial Casket Com-
pany, 272 shares of stock of The
National Bank of Boyertown, Pa.,
180 shares of stock of Farmers
National Bank and Trust Co. of
Boyertown, Pa.; 5 shares of
stock of National Iron Bank of
Pottstown, Pa.
Also: Furniture including
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dishes, guns, china closet, ar-
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Floyd's 1933 car, 1933
automobile, lot of tools, hay, straw,
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Christmas Services Are Held by Two Baptist Churches

The Rev. Clayton J. Bates, pastor of Bethesda and East Nantmeal Baptist churches, had a busy day yesterday shuttling between his parishes supervising Christmas celebrations at each.

At 2:30 p. m. the Bethesda church staged its Christmas party for a packed house of 50. Ernest Lloyd, 74, oldest member of the congregation, presided.

Parishioners heard recitations by Barbara Krepps, Ruth Miller, Dorothy Bates, Janet Miller, George Hampton and Robert Deering and songs from Janet Miller, Betty Ireson, Lois Wonder and Martha Bates.

A play, "The King's Business," concerning Christ's birth, was presented to conclude the program.

Mrs. Merritt Nesley, Mrs. Marty Bressler, Mrs. Gerald Krepps, and Mrs. Betty Mallick form the committee which arranged the party.

At East Nantmeal at 8 o'clock a candlelight service, highlighted by a showing of 29 color slides portraying the Christmas story, was held.

The slides were photographed and shown by Warren Houck. Characters depicting the Holy Family were young parishioners.

Recitations were read by Sunday school pupils and Ruth Ayres and Doris Seal sang solos accompanied by Mrs. D. C. Knauer. Approximately 200 attended.

SEEK STRIKE VOTE
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) — Printers employed on Washington's four daily newspapers voted today to ask head officers of the International Typographical union to authorize a strike vote.

40-HOUR WEEK ASKED
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) — The non-operating rail brotherhoods may seek a 40-hour week with 48 hour pay, it was reported tonight.

New Hampshire was one of the early colonies that achieved wealth from natural resources rather than from the soil.

500 Children Attend Christmas Program Given at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Five hundred children of the Emmanuel Lutheran church Sunday school participated yesterday afternoon in an old-fashioned Christmas program in which many sang or recited for their classmates.

Almost the entire afternoon was given to the children's presentations, but the church choir joined in caroling for their young audience.

The Rev. Luther A. Krouse, pastor; Miss Mary A. Mertz, superintendent of the Primary department, and Mrs. Harry D. Purnell, superintendent of the Beginners' department, were in charge of the program.

Children taking part included Heather Davidheiser, Richard Fine, Eugenia Kulp, John Wentzel, Geraldine Boyer, Janet Grow, Barbara Meeker, Nancy Quinlan, Pauline Semet, Sandra Werner, Gloria Yeager, Carol Swavely and Helen Seibold.

Also, Donna Gratz, Daniel Stetler, Tommy Lightcap, Sandra Hertzog, and William Eck.

Also, Carl Ann Miller, Robert Simmons, Barbara Hanley, Barbara Brown, David Ingram, Edward Meeker, William Firth, Linda Baldwin, Barton Rader, David Himes, Dennis Hartenstine, Bobby Hartenstine, Randy Lafferty, Richard Bartman,

Christine Rosborough, Wesley Grow, David Lee Hanley, Douglas Keim, Edwinna Hartenstine, Gordon Istenes, Robert Solomon, David Leveille, Bonita Jacobs, Joseph Miski, Jimmie Yocom, Elmer Haines, Charlene Himes, David Peterson, Freddie Meyers, Charles Bachman and William Eck.

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Kenneth Arndt and Larry Wambold.

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Business Club to Meet Tonight, Elect Officers

Election of officers and members of the board of governors will highlight the business meeting of the Pottstown American Business club, scheduled for 6:30 o'clock tonight in the Elks' home.

The Ambucs will meet today since their regular Wednesday night schedule would interfere with Christmas Eve plans of the members.

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